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Lamont faces audit enquiry into help with legal bills

SEASTAFE SUSPENDEDES

The Chancellor of the Exchequer has emerged relatively unscathed from the Thresher's wine-buying episode, only to confront an official enquiry into the dispute over his legal fees

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

PRESSURE on Norman Lamont increased last night with the announcement that the National Audit Office is to investigate the use of public money to pay part of his legal fees from the eviction of a "sex therapist" renting his home.

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The Treasury's payment of £4.700 to the Chancellot's solicitors was not specifically reported to the audit office—appearing in the department's accounts only under the general heading "running costs"—so it was not examined. But now Sir John Bourn, the Comptroller and Auditor General, is to look into the matter "for his own satisfaction and concern". His enquiry is expected to take two to

Mr Lamont's position had earlier been eased when two



off-licence workers admitted that they had fabricated a story that he had bought a bottle of champagne and cigarettes from their Paddington shop. But the row over the solicitor's bill refused to go away.

bill refused to go away.

Conservative MPs privately voiced doubts over the use of public and party funds to pay the bill, totalling some £23,000, and Dr Geoffrey Riordan, the chairman of Mr Lamont's constituency association, told the BBC's The World at One that he would like "a little more information" about the payment. "I think the man in the street does find it strange. I do not think that all of us — the people who do the basic work — can blithely shrug this sort

can bithely shrug this sort thing off." During rowdy Commons

exchanges, Tories accused Labour of muck-raking when Gordon Brown tried unsuccessfully to get an emergency debate on the affair. Mr Brown had demanded that Mr Lamont be brought before the Commons to answer public concern about the "questionable circumstances" surrounding the payment of public funds to the solicitor Peter Carter-Ruck, Mr Brown said that Mr Lamont must explain why the taxpayer should pay for what was "a private matter that in no way arises from his duties as Chancellor". He also demanded that the Chancellor explain why secret arrangements meant that the public would never have known that the payment had been made. The audit office said last

The audit office said last night that the account in which the £4,700 appeared had been certified and reported to Parliament. However, it was never examined because it was not identified as a special payment by the Treasury. Instead, it appeared under the broad heading of "Treasury running costs" amounting to some £55 million. Since the furore over the weekend, it had been identified.

Earlier, the Treasury had rushed out a series of previously secret documents to support Mr Lamont's case, including a letter to Mr Lamont from Sir Peter Middleton, the former Treasury permanent secretary who authorised the payment. The letter, dated May I and marked "personal", referred to "the recent incident over your house which caused you considerable expense".

He wrote "Much of this was the result of your position as Chancellor of the Exchequer and the need to take immediare action. It would be unreasonable that you should have to bear the full cost of the legal expenses which you had to meet from your own pocket. I suggest that the Treasury should bear all the initial legal costs in getting out a statement and subsequent costs in handling press enquiries. Treasury ought also to bear a share of the costs of the legal proceeding to secure the removal of an unsatisfactory tenant and all those associated with the application for an

early hearing."
Also released was an inter-



John Onanuga: admitted lying about Norman Lamont. He is to be disciplined

nal Treasury memorandum with the invoice from the lawyers in respect of charges which the Chancellor incurred following disclosures in the News of the World earlier this year. The letter says. "Sir T Burns (Terence Burns now Permanent Secretary) and Sir Peter Middleton before him, agreed that we should pick up the legal charges relating to the initial statement and press

handling. They did so on the grounds that it was important quickly to put the record straight so as to retain full confidence in the office of Chancellor and its holder and that subsequent later articles were an attack on Mr Lamont's pursuit of his duties

as Chancellor."

Mr Lamont, who sent the documents to Mr Brown, said in an accompanying letter that

the solicitors' bill "makes it crystal clear that the Treasury met none of the costs of evicting my tenants; only those costs related to the issuing of a press statement on the evening of April 13 and the handling of subsequent press inquiries".

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Twists, turns and lies on the road to 'Threshergate'

By RAY CLANCY

of champagne and then asked

for the next bottle up. Mr Onanuga claimed he pointed

out the Bricout and Mr

Lamont asked for a bottle

Eventually the Treasury, along with Thresher, rallied to

support Mr Lamont and a

copy of a credit card receipt

was produced for the media.

It showed that Mr Lamont

bought two bottles of Jean

Paul Bartier claret at £3.99

each and a bottle of Margaux

at £9.49 on Sunday November 15 at 7.20pm. Mr Lamont

only smokes small cigars and

his wife does not smoke,

The fact that the alleged Praed Street purchase total-

led £17.47, the same as the

real purchase, caused bosses

at Thresher to be suspicious. They ran a computer search to

try to trace the alleged pur-

chase but no receipt was ever

found. Also Mr Onanuga told journalists that the cigarettes

cost £1.98 when in fact they

An internal investigation

began immediately, with both

men being called to the com-

pany's headquarters in Wel-

wyn Garden City, Hertford-

shire, for questioning. They admitted that they had made

up the story when approached

by reporters. It had all been a

bit of a laugh. They had read that Mr Lamont had bought Continued on page 2, col 7

were priced at £2.02.

officials said.

from the chilled cabinet.

A WINE store manager and his assistant yesterday admitted making up a story that Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, had bought a bottle of cheap champagne and 20 cigarettes from a shop in a seedy part of London

seedy part of London.
David Newton, manager of Thresher in Praed Street, Paddington, and John Onanuga, claimed that Mr Lamont had bought a bottle of Bricout champagne for £15.49 and a packet of 20 Raffles cigarettes for £1.98 on Monday November 16. Last might they said through the company that they were "deeply sorry" and had not realised that the story would be splashed across the front pages of the nation's newspapers. Both men have been suspended and are to be disciplined.

They made up the story on the spur of the moment when reporters came into their shop asking if Mr Lamont had been in to buy anything recently. They have admitted totally fabricating the story of Mr Lamont's visit to the Praed Street shop on 16 November. Both Mr Newton and Mr Onanuga deeply regret the matter and had no intention of damaging Mr Lamont's reputation. They had no idea that it would result in such a furore," said a company statement from

Thresher.
Mr Lamont furiously denied that he had visited the
store although he later admitted that he had shopped in
another branch in Connaught
Street, Marble Arch, the night
before and bought three bot-

tles of red wine.

The story came just after a tabloid newspaper revealed that Mr Lamont had not paid his Access bill despite numerous reminders and was £470 over his £2,000 limit. The Sun also said that Mr Lamont had last used his credit card at a branch of Thresher near Paddington for a £17.47

The next day other newspapers quoted Mr Onamga as saying that Mr Lamont had come into the shop and looked at the cheapest bottle

doctor jailed for rapes BY LIN JENKINS THOMAS COURTNEY, a H ley Street gynaecologist, v jailed for seven years at

THOMAS Courtney, a Harley Street gynaecologist; was jailed for seven years at the Old Bailey yesterday for raping or indecently assaulting four women visiting his

surgery.

Judge Lawrence Verney, Recorder of London, told him:
"There can be no doubt your conviction at this court means the end of your career and a career which I am prepared to accept has done some good to a great many people. But in this case you took advantage of your position as a doctor to commit offences which cannot be forgiven." The judge said he had taken advantage of his medical knowledge to render

his victims unable to resist.

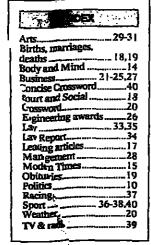
Courtney, 46, of Cricklewood, north London, showed
no emotion as he was sentenced to seven years imprisonment on each of two rape
charges and four years on
each of two indecent assault
charges. The sentences are to
run concurrently. Courtney
had denied the charges which
took place between February

1991 and January this year.

Two of the victims were plied with spiked drinks before being raped, leaving both of them barely able to recall the details, leading them to believe that they would not be believed if they reported him. Two others, one a German student, were abused with sex aids after going to his empty surgery expecting to be interviewed for work.

Detective Inspector Mike Bennett, who arrested the doctor, said his private practice and charity created ideal conditions in which to get away with the crimes. "In the Courtney Foundation, he set up the perfect environment to commit these types of offences. Courtney has got to have been the perfect rapist who left victims thinking "Did that really happen to me?"

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Sunnie Mann dies of cancer in Cyprus

By Michael Theodoulou and Kate Alderson

SUNNIE Mann, the flamboyant and courageous wife of Jack Mann, the former British hostage, died yesterday in a clinic in Nicosia. Cyprus after a long battle against cancer. She was 79.

Mrs Mann had been admit-

ted to hospital with chest pains three weeks ago. Last night ber husband, who is 78, was being comforted at his home in Nicosia by friends and diplomats from the British high commission. He had been at her bedside but left shortly before she died.

Dr Helen Soteriou of the

Evangelistria Clinic said Mrs Mann's condition had deteriorated overnight and she died quickly. Mrs Mann, a heavy smoker, fought her illness with the same bravery that helped her survive the captivity of her husband.

ty of her husband.

John Major joined Terry

waite and John McCarthy,
both also formerly held hos-



Sunnie Mann: fought her illness with courage

tage in Lebanon, in sending condolences to Mr Mann. The prime minister said he was saddened by Mrs Mann's death. "Surmie's courage and fighting spirit throughout Jackie's imprisonment made her a national figure," he said, adding that the couple had won the whole country's admiration and affection.

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Britain agrees to increase intake of Bosnian refugees

By Richard Ford, home correspondent

BRITAIN is to double its intake of Bosnian refugees by accepting a further 3,400 for settlement from the former

In the face of pressure from the opposition and refugee groups to admit more Bosnians, the government announced yesterday that 1,000 principle asylum seekers and up to three family members each will be allowed to settle in the United Kingdom. The refugees will come from Bosnian Serb detention camps and the first groups will be housed in a former mental hospital in Surrey, a refugee hostel in London and a former residential care home owned by the Red Cross in

Cambridge.
Charles Wardle. Home Office minister responsible for immigration, said the Refugee Council would find them more permanent housing.
Ministers have insisted that they will accept only refugees

identified by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the International Committee of the Red Cross. The government announced earlier this month that it would take 600 refugees. In addition, 40,000 people from the former Yugoslav republics have been accepted as visitors and a further 4,800 have applied for

asylum.

The refugees would be entitled to the statutory benefits and services available to the rest of the population. Mr Wardle said. Arrangements had been made to receive the first group of 150 as soon as UN confirmed that they were ready to leave.

"I am sure that we all hope."

"I am sure that we all hope these evacuess will be able to return in due course to their own country. They will be admitted to this country exceptionally outside the immigration rules for six months initially. We shall obviously

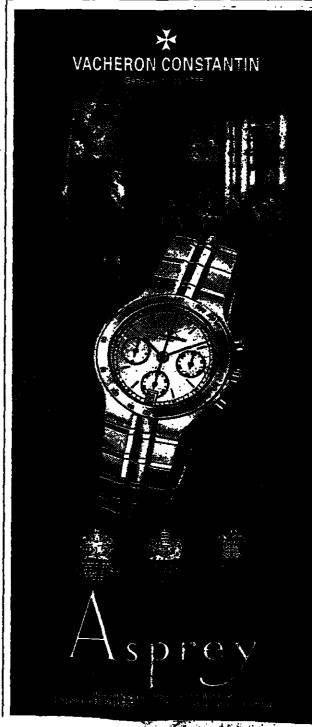
wish to review the position in the light of individual circumstances and the situation in the former Yugoslavia," he

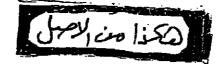
"The British Red Cross will liaise with the International Committee of the Red Cross to trace the dependents of the former detainees and arrangements will be made in consultation with the Foreign Office and voluntary organisations to bring them here."

The size and timing of further arrivals depended partly on how quickly international organisations could bring the refugees out of detention to transit camps.

Mr Wardle said that the government would fund the transport of the refugees and reimburse the costs incurred by the Refugee Council and the British Red Cross, who will provide initial reception support and accommodation.

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MATTHEW PARRIS POLITICAL SKETCH

Spooky timing as

everyone's lucky

number comes up

N orman Lamont's week-end of apparent bad luck continued into Monday

John Taylor, was in place to answer questions put to the Lord Chancellor's Depart-

ment. These proved mys-teriously suited to the

For the Chancellor, that was pure mischance. MPs submit questions in writing,

weeks before they are to be formally "asked": but, as

luck would have it, the

ago aired proposals for cut-

ting legal aid payments.
So, as Monday dawned, a handful of MPs with questions (listed for discussion

after lunch) about legal aid

for the poor, awoke to radio

news reports about a cele-

brated case of legal aid for

Sitting up in separate

beds at separate addresses in Southwark, Greenwich,

and Brent, Simon Hughes (Lib-Dem), Nick Raynsford (Lab), and Opposition spokesman Paul Boateng blinked in the morning light,

swilled their first mouthful

of coffee, and separately thought "Golly! My ques-tion number 39 [43, 45] is

tailor-made for a dig at Norman Lamont and his

own personal legal aid

And so it came to pass that poor John Taylor, a

whose last job, as a junior

whip, was writing parlia-

mentary sketches for the

Queen, found himself al-

most alone on the govern-

ment front bench on a

drizzling Monday afternoon,

and in the front line for the

first parliamentary attacks

F irst over the wire came the Liberals' Si-

mon Hughes. A solicitor by

on the Chancellor.

from

provincial solicitor

scheme

Treasury.

Mr Raynsford called Mr Lamont's legal aid a

Paul Boateng, a barrister, chipped in from the Labour front bench. Why did the Treasury pay for such an expensive solicitor for the Chancellor, when "other, cheaper ones" would do?

"Yes, and I'm one of them," said Taylor, begin-

ning to enjoy his frontline

"As an even cheaper sol

icitor," was the way Barry Porter (C, Wirral S) intro-

duced his own question.

Robert Maclennan (Lib-

Dem, Caithness & Suther-

land), a barrister by trade,

gave no hint as to his fees.

He, too, asked about legal

aid. Mr Taylor stonewalled

Stone walls present no problem to the enormous

Geoffrey Dickens (C. Little-borough & Saddleworth). He walks straight through them. Thinking to come to

the rescue of Taylor, he rose and bellowed: "There are

people in this country, Mad-

am Speaker, who are abso-

"Lamont! Lamont!" gur

led Opposition MPs ..

"As custodians of the tax-payers' money," Dickens roared on, Parliament should stop it going to the wrong sort of criminals. Poor Mr Taylor could only

T ory-watching, like Kremlin-watching, is a

subtle art. The collective

judgment of Conservative

MPs has a sort of centre of

gravity to it, but you must

remember that in any em-

barrassing affair, this is the opinion which is least likely

The first rule among club-

bable Tory backbenchers is

that when things get tricky.

only a fool weighs in. To

assess Mr Lamont's present

standing, do not look for

colleagues speaking against him: ask who is speaking for

The closest thing we could

find, yesterday, to a man who is no fool weighing in

was Sir Anthony Grant (C.

Cambridgeshire SW).

Which is why the precedent

he cited in Lamont's appar-

"quite proper" example of

the use of public funds to

help a minister with legal

Grant, "when he was prime

"Lord Wilson," said

ent defence was intriguing Sir Anthony had dug up a

lute scoundrels ..."

them all.

'Something rotten when decision came as Treasury cut legal aid'

MPs attack decision to pay Lamont's legal bill

As MPs attack the Treasury decsion to pay legal fees for the Chancellor, the spotlight falls on the press relations role of lawyers

By Frances Gibb, Legal correspondent

pick up Norman Lamont's legal bill for fees incurred by solicitors Peter Carter-Ruck & Partners prompted angry reactions from MPs yesterday. They pointed to recent Treasury cuts in legal aid.

A Liberal Democrat, Simon Hughes, said at Commons question time that there "something rotten in the state of Britain" if proposals from Norman Lamont to deprive millions of people of legal aid came at a time when the Chancellor had his own "private legal aid scheme".

Paul Boateng, Labour's leal affairs spokesman, said gai anairs spontanian.

Mr Lamont was "less than deserving a case". If the Chancellor did have to employ a solicitor at public expense he

should get a cheaper one. The basis and extent of the legal subsidy emerged vesterday from correspondence between the Chancellor and the Treasury. This showed that



Carter-Ruck: suggested Treasury should pay

the Treasury had agreed to pay towards the legal costs of the recent incident over your house which caused you con-siderable expense" on the ground, as put by Sir Peter Middleton, former Treasury permanent secretary, that "much of this was the result of your position as Chancellor of the Exchequer and the need to take immediate action."

Sir Peter said: "It would be unreasonable that you should have to bear the full cost of the legal expenses which you had to meet from your own pocket.

This latest twist in the affair. in which the Treasury paid

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THE Treasury's decison to £4.700 of a £23.000 legal bill run up by Mr Lamount in evicting a tenant from his flat, has illuminated a little-publicised role of lawyers: that of handling press relations on

behalf of clients. For Peter Carter-Ruck & Partners, who are used to acting for the famous, it is a common role - and one for which the client pays. Mr Carter-Ruck said: "We do get quite a number of cases where we are in communication with the press on behalf of clients and obviously it does involve quite a lot of work."

He had journalists knocking at his door yesterday and was frequently telephoned at night and at weekends. "One reason that we frequently are asked to handle the press is because we deal with a num-ber of high profile clients," he said. Other solicitors did the same thing but to a "lesser

Mr Carter-Ruck said he would normally advise clients to leave press handling to his firm. "Many prefer to do so, if there has been publicity. whether fair or unfair."

Details of Mr Lamont's bill were outlined yesterday. The firm's invoice was accompanied by an internal Treasury memorandum for £4,700 "in respect of charges which the Chancellor incurred following disclosures in the News of the World earlier this year". The invoice, addressed to

Mr and Mrs Lamont at 11. Downing Street, referred to "our professional charges acting for you in advising you on publications in the national s and ancillary matters: £3,690; telephone calls, post-age, couriers, faxes and photo-copying: £310; total £4,000. Vat at 17.5 per cent: £700. Total £4,700.

Yesterday Andrew Stephenson, the partner at Peter Carter-Ruck who dealt with the eviction and press relations for Mr Lamont, said that from memory a third "if not half" of his time had been spent dealing with press enquiries when the eviction case originally came to court. "This had a lot tp do with the fact that it was the Chancellor who had taken proceedings rather than the issue of eviction."



Legally helped: Mr Lamont leaves Downing Street yesterday

Informal club helps hard-up ministers

By Nicholas Wood o where does a hard-S up Chancellor of the Exchequer turn when he is short of money? In the seventies, Denis Healey sought offshore funds from the International Monetary Fund. In the early summer of last year, Norman Lamont found salvation nearer home.

Much was being made yesterday in the Commons of the £4,000 plus VAT that the taxpayer had contributed towards legal bills incurred by Mr Lamont in connection with the evic-tion of a "sex therapist" from his Notting Hill home. Rather less attention was being directed at

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the contribution of

£19,000 plus VAT towards the balance of the bill from Conservative "sources". The disclosure that the Tory party picked up most of Mr Lamont's debts prompted immediate suggestions that Conservative Central Office or the government whips administer a "slush fund" for the benefit of financially embarrassed ministers or MPs. The suggestions were being denied yester-day at Westminster by whips and ministers.

Such mechanistic thinking is anathema to the Tory party. Instead, as befits an organisation run on the informal lines of a gentleman's club, welfare is dispensed without strict reference to a rulebook.

One former Tory party chairman with more than a passing acquaintance with frontbench and backbench hard-luck sto-ries was in no doubt. "I wish we did have a slush fund, but we have not."

O ther ministers, MPs and whips were equally adamant that there is no pot of gold for the MP who has overstretched himself and finds his creditors hammering on his door. But there is an extensive network of mutual support that can be relied upon to rescue many a supplicant. If a backbencher is in trouble he will first call on his whip. Depending on the circumstances, a collection may be discreetly launched on his behalf, with a handful of close friends approaching sym-pathetic figures within the Commons and beyond for gifts or loans. A minister, particularly a senior figure such as Mr Lamont, could be expected to approach either the chief whip or the party chairman for help. and again the hat would be passed around.

The beneficiary may be unaware of the precise moves being made on his behalf or the identity of his benefactors. But he will sleep more peacefully at night.

Accident-prone fall guy who

NORMAN Lamont will probably survive the immediate row over the payment of part of his legal fees by the Treasury, but his already battered reputation has been severely tarnished. The chancellor may have the fine print of the official guidance for ministers on his side, but that is not how it appears to many MPs, let alone members of the public.

The most damning comment yesterday came from Dr Geoffrey Riordan, the chairman of Mr Lamont's local Tory party in Kingston He said the man in the street finds it strange. "I don't think the people who do the basic work can blithely shrug this sort of thing off." He wanted "a little more information" about the Treasury payment

There is always the danger

of self-righteousness about such matters and much synthetic anger was generated in the Commons yesterday. Former Labour ministers protested loudly over declining standards of public life and the arrogance of those in power for so long. They said such payments would have been unthinkable under the Wilson or Callaghan govern-ments, when ministers had to pay even for their own tea. There is something in this, though the Tories were busy last night trying to find similar examples from the 1970s.

But the whole affair does seem rather odd. The memorandum from Sir Peter Middleton, then Treasury permanent secretary, backs up Mr Lamont's explanation. Sir Peter wrote that much of the

Such rows can blow over

ate issue of the legal rees.

What John Major has to decide during the Christmas recess is whether Mr Lamont's standing among businessmen, as much at at Westminster, is now so irreversibly damaged that he cannot carry forward the revised economic

Lamont so far and clearly does not want a reshuffle. Any choice of a new chancellor for instance, Kenneth Clarke from among the pro-Europe-ans or Michael Howard from the sceptics - might upset the balance of the party while the Maastricht bill is going through the Commons.

is exhausting Tory patience

PRODUCE ON ... "considerable expense" was the result of Mr Lamont's "position as Chancellor of the Exchequer and the need to take immediate action. It would be unreasonable that you should have to bear the full cost of the legal expenses

which you had to meet from your own pocket". But that stretches to the extreme the definition of "official duties" in the Treasury solicitor's rules, under which ministers can properly be in-demnified out of public funds for the costs of bringing defamation proceedings. That is distinct from libelling a minis-

ter in his private capacity.

The precedents offered by the Treasury for the payment of the costs of legal actions involving Lord Young of Graffham over the House of Fraser and Lord Lawson over Johnson Matthey obviously fall into the category of "official duties". Mr Lamont's case is more

ambiguous and Sir Peter's note implies an arbitrary judgment about the proportion of costs to be paid by taxpayers. There is room for the National Audit Office enquiry announced last night, though no reason for an immediate

More in question is the appearance of pushing the rules to the limit. Chancellors should not have to turn to the taxpayer for such money, though how the split between Tory party sources and the

clear. Coming after other recent mishaps, the affair further undermines the authority of Mr Lamont, and makes him appear even more an accident-prone fall guy who cannot get anything right. It makes the govern ment look shabby.

Lamont was fully vindicated over the bizarre affair of the Thresher purchases. And, with only a few exceptions, Tory MPs have rallied behind him, at least over the immediate issue of the legal fees.

profession, and never a man to descend to a single modest cliché when two atrocious ones will do, Mr Hughes began by declaring that there was "something rotten in the state of Briton to contrast the fate of Mr Major has backed Mr impecunious defendants

with the good fortune of the legally aided Mr Lamont, and concluded by asking what this country was com-For the government, Mr Taylor gulped and said that Mr Lamont's case was "a completely different" matter and flattered him with

Mr Lamon has shown in the past that he can recover from personal setbacks. But while he has the sympathy of many Tory MPs. he is exhausting their patience. No government can continue for long with a weakened chancellor.

PETER RIDDELL

minister, sought to sue a pop group called The Move the remark that he had been over a song called "Flowers in the rain." "wholly improper" to raise it. encouraging Nick Raynsford to raise it, too. Two off-licence staff

suspended over lies

Continued from page 1 goods to the value of £17.47 and they picked items at random to fit that price. When they were unable to do that exactly, they simply changed the price of the cigarettes to make the tale fit.

The whole business caused more than a few headaches for Thresher. The company admitted doctoring the receipt that was released through the Treasury and the types of red wine bought by Mr Lamont were withdrawn from the

Jayne Bridges, a Thresher spokeswoman, said the receipt had been changed to protect staff at the Connaught Street store. The name of the branch was erased to prevent the media from descending on the shop and questioning staff.
The next part of the saga

involved the removal of clarets from the shops. Officially the wines, all supplied by Peter Sichel, of Bordeaux, were taken away for testing after a customer complained of suf-fering from food poisoning after drinking one of the clarets. When The Times tried yesterday to buy the wines at three branches in Craven Road. Praed Street and Connaught Street, they were not available. There were gaps on the shelves where the wines were normally displayed.

Road said he did not know why the wines had been removed as he was standing in for the manager who would not be back for several hours. In Praed Street the shop assistant said they had sold out. When pressed on the matter he eventually produced a bottle of Jean Paul Bartier from the back of the shop.

Ms Bridges said the wine

was back on the shelves and she would contact the shops concerned to find out why it was not on sale. She could not explain why the Bricout champagne, which comes from a different supplier, was also missing from view. Last night the editor of the

London Evening Standard. the newspaper that first panted the claims from Mr Onanuga, was unavailable for comment. Earlier Philip Evans, assistant to the editor, had stood by the story. He said that the newspaper had "aithfully reported what we wee told by the manager of the mop" and Mr Onanuga. A stokesworn-an for Whitbread. Thresher's parent, said the company had wanted "once and for all get to the bottom of the situation".

Whitbread he contributed thousands of runds to Con-servative part funds, includ-ing £30,000 ast year, but the spokeswomardenied any other reason or concern other than a desie to get to the facts.

"ASTRONOMICAL CONTRIBUTIONS ON THE SOLAR SYSTEM" PRESS CONFERENCE Today at the Cumberland Jotel, 10.30am (See article on page 7)

'Threshergate' selection of wines are put to the test

BY ROBIN YOUNG are the wines he actually purchased when he

visited a Thresher outlet.

The Times yesterday carried out its own evaluation of the three wines drawn to national attention by the saga of the Chancellor of the Exchequer's Access assisted trip to the off-licence.

The two clarets, priced at £3.99 and £9.49, Claret, AC Jean-Paul Sichel. £9.49.

Bartier. Price £3.99. Good standard basic Bordeaux though not the cheapest in the shop. The CLARE! buyer'sown-brand for Thresher invented years ago ciated company Ashe & Nephew.

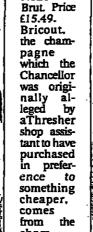


Peter A Sichel, one of the most reliable Bordeaux wine shippers.
Tasting note: "A dry, grassy, herbaceous styled light claret for everyday drinking. Fair value, but not particularly

choose from his shelves. Margaux Peter A. A markedly superior bottle of claret. again sup-plied by Peter Sichel but MARGAUN under the shipper's comes part-

ly from voung vines in Peter Sichel's own prop-erties and

Mr Sichel's home vineyard, Château d'Angludet. Tasting note: "Not too much tannin, plenty of fruit. Plump, generous, and gentle. Very classy easy drinking, well worth the extra money for those who are not too strapped for cash."



The champagne, a Bricout Carte Noire Brut,

priced at £15.49, is the wine which a shop

Bricout

Carte

ssistant now admits Mr Lamont did not



Kuplerberg concern. Tasting note: "A classic light champagne, with good mousse and a crisp finish. Better value than many grandes marques, but not really worth busting your credit card

Overall comment: In shopping at Thresher Norman Lamont was making use of the best. and also the biggest. of the brewery-owned high street off-licence chains. The group, which wine merchant, with 1,660 shops.

belongs to Whitbread, including Wine Rack and Bottoms Up and incorporating Peter Dominic is the United Kingdom's dominant

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How victim's tears brought down Harley Street sex attacker

By LIN JENKINS

THOMAS Courtney claimed to be a pioneering gynaecologist, counselling pregnant women suffering from Aids and drug dependency. He happily exploited the image until January this year, when a girl aged 17 broke down in her boy friend's arms and said that Courtney had sexually abused her. His well-publicised arrest brought forward three other women who had thought that their word would not be believed against

a respected doctor.

The girl had been to Courtney's psycho-sexual clin-ic in Harley Street as a prospective employee. She had been invited there on a Saturday to learn how to use asked her to strip, abused her with a vibrator and forced her to perform oral sex and use another sex aid on him.

He told the girl: "You are going to have the biggest orgasm you have ever had in your life." She told the Old Bailey that she was petrified and pretended that the incident was not happening. "I was educated that I can trust doctors in everything they do." she said.

Courtney's wife, Parul, an ophthalmologist, told the court that her husband told her of the incident, saying that he had got carried away while demonstating sexual aids to the prospective employee "I was annoyed, angry and thought he had been rather foolish," she told the court. She denied that there was anything odd in his removing his clothes to demonstate the equipment. On other occasions he told her that he had been unfaithful.

In the three months following the complaint. Courtney 46, of Cricklewood, north London, was charged with a further indecent assault and with two rapes. Courtney, who was described by colleagues as charming and urbane, denied all the charges against him. Yesterday, he

showed no emotion as he was sentenced to seven years' imprisonment on each of the two rape charges, and to four years on each of the indecent assault charges. The sen-

tences will run concurrently. Judge Verney, Recorder of London, told him: There can be no doubt your conviction at this court means the end of your career and a career which I am prepared to accept has done some good to a great many people. But in this case you took advantage of your position as a doctor to commit offences which cannot be

lorgiven. Courtney's first victim. identified in court as Miss A. was raped after drinking spiked champagne in his surgery. The 26-year-old had gone there in February last year after arriving from Newcastle, expecting him to give her a lift to a dinner party being held by a mutual

She told the court that she had little recollection of events, coming round in the shower to find him washing her. She spent the rest of the evening in a daze, aware that sexual intercourse had taken place without her consent.

Richard Horwell, for the Crown's case is that the glass contained much more than



Verney: unforgivable breach of position

champagne. He had put in a tranquillising and hypnotic drug. The effect was swift and

Courtney tried from the witness box to destroy the woman's character, as he attempted to do with the others. He claimed that she had entered the shower with him, consented to sexual intercourse and enjoyed it.

He used similar tactics on his next victim, Miss B, 21, who met him after speaking to him when she dialled a wrong number. She was trying to contact a former emwhom Courtney turned out to know.

They met in the surgery. She drank spiked wine and recalled feeling "zombiefied". She found herself on his examination couch, being raped. He offered her a room to live in if she allowed him sexual intercourse three times a day.
Miss C. 21. a biology

student from Germany, went to the surgery to be inter-viewed for a job in October last year. Courtney said that he needed to demonstate the gadgets he used in his work and told her to remove her clothes so that she could understand the effect of a vibrator. She explained to the court: "I thought it was a bit strange. But I am not used to questioning what a doctor says. If my doctor at home said he wanted me to undress would just do it. I just

hought it must be okay."

Mr Horwell commented: A better example of the trust that people have in the medical profession would be very difficult to imagine. She did as she was told, but her trust was sadly misplaced." Dr John Taylor, a forensic

toxicologist, told the court that Courtney could have used tranquillisers or knockout drops, widely available to the medical profession, that could barely be detected in wine.

Doctor jailed, page 1



Doctor jailed: Thomas Courtney with his wife, Parul, who told the court that he had been unfaithful

Unacceptable face of private practice

By Dr Thomas Stuttaford

DR COURTNEY represents the unacceptable face of

specialty.

dysfunction" his patients

Although described as a gynaecologist in press reports, a quick glance at his past experience in the medical directory shows that he is either excessively modest about his past or that he has not had the long training

came into this category. However, it is usually wiser tablished consultant in the

Harley Street district are

for people to be referred to specialists by their GP. In some branches of medi-The scandal could not have cine it is not uncommon for come at a worse time for patients to have direct access London medicine as it battles to specialists and it may be with the advocates of the that Dr Courtney felt that as Tomlinson report. In the a doctor involved in "sexual

some of the greatest medical brains in the world, most of MEDICAL VIEW whom are associated with the London teaching hospitals. But having rooms in Har-

ley Street is more a matter of being able to pay the rent than a reflection on a doctor's qualifications: Dr Courtney was never associated with any of the London teaching hospitals, whether under threat or reprieved.

Courtney wanted a knighthood

By Lin Jenkin

WITH the self-assurance he cultivated to impress royalty, politicians and those of influence, Dr Thomas Courtney asked his arresting officer: "Is this going to affect my knighthood?"

He aspired to fame and fortune, hoping his charity The Couriney Foundation for the Welfare of Mothers and Babies (Womb) would bring him both. He almost achieved one aim when the Princess of Wales nearly agreed to be-come a patron of the charity. However, she was warned by the Duke of Gloucester that a leading figure in the Aids charity field believed Courtney was not all he claimed to be.

The finances of the charity, which offered help free of charge to victims of rape, incest and sexually transmitted diseases and counselling to Aids sufferers and drug addicts, are under investiga-tion by the Charity Commis-

In 1990, the charity re ceived more than £202,000, compared with £6,000 three years before. In some years the organisation spent 90 per cent of income on administrative costs, which included usually three employees -Courtney, his wife and their financial adviser.

Courtney's company, M'Aidez Limited, cashed in on Aids problems, selling a range of goods that included an emergency HIV kit of useless drugs. His outrageous claims, delivered in his usual persuasive and charming manner, fooled many. In court he claimed to be a member of the Institute of Psychosexual Medicine. He was not.

Dr Noel Olson, Plymouth medical officer of health, said: "As an Aids expert, he had only the scale of knowledge one would glean from Reader's Digest." He warned the advisers to the Princess of Wales about Courtney and made a formal complaint to the General Medical Council in 1990.

Fishermen lost as gales hit Cornwall

By Ian Murray

THREE fisherman were lost during driving wind and rain in the second tragedy to hit a Cornish fishing village in a week. Padstow, in north Cornwall, was yesterday mourning the loss of the crew of one of its small fleet of lobster boats. which set off on Sunday afternoon to collect lobster pots moored five miles offshore. Last Monday, two other local men were lost when their boat sank while fishing at the Doom Bar in the estuary of the River Camel.

Last night Tina Evans, the mayor, announced that instead of turning on the Christmas lights as planned today, she would launch an appeal to raise money for the men's families. The Rev Barry Kinsman, vicar of Saint Issey parish, said: "They were very experienced sailors but I suspect that with the recession and with Christmas coming up they pushed themselves more than they would

The boats were lost in heavy

seas whipped up by force-eight gale winds over the past week. The weather was caused by a slow-moving front which has brought the wettest November to the South West for more than 30 years and yesterday brought flooding to large areas of south and west Wales.

The National Rivers Authority issued a red alert on eight stretches of river in Wales, as well as on a short stretch of the Thames, while the Meteorological Office said that more rain was on the way on Thursday and over the

In the floods yesterday, the worst in Wales since 1979, railway lines and roads near Llanelli, Dyfed, disappeared under water, the homes of 150 pensioners were evacuated at Tredegar, Gwent, and eight Scouts and their leader were trapped overnight on Brynamman Mountain in south Powys.

Footballer denies assault in match

By a Staff Reporter

cynically and deliberately thrust his elbow into an opponent's face during a mid-air duel and caused horrific facial injuries, a court was told

But Mr Blissett, who was sent off after the incident, said it was a "complete accident". Salisbury Crown Court was told. The jury watched video-recorded replays of the clash between Mr Blissett, 28, the Brentford striker, and John. Uzzell, 33, the former Torquay United defender, during a third division game on December 14 last year.

It is the first time court proceedings have started as a result of an incident during a Football League match. Mr Blissett. of Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire, denies unlaw- conduct. fully and maliciously causing grievous bodily harm. Andrew Chubb, prosecut-

ing, said that Mr Uzzell's left cheek bone and eye socket Forecast, page 20 floor were broken. The socket Photograph, page 40 had to be reconstructed and a

GARY Blissett, the footballer, metal plate was inserted into his face to bring the bone parts together. There was no dispute that the injury amounted to grievous bodily harm. Mr Blissett had "cynically and deliberately" put his elbow into contact with Mr Uzzell,

Mr Chubb said. In a statement read to the court, Mr Blissett said the challenge to Mr Uzzell was to win the ball. "Any injury he sustained was purely acciden-tal and I had no intention whatever of injuring him."
The court was told that Mr

Uzzell had been unable to play this season because of the injury. Arthur Smith, the match referee, said that Mr Blissett "deliberately elbowed his opponent in the face". He had sent him off for violent

The jury was shown two video recordings made by Television South West and Torquay United. A third video showed the club's version in slow motion. The trial was adjourned until today.

The sculptors' society has

more plans to brighten the

capital and has drawn up a

light trail" — a tour through London that takes observers

past some of the nation's

most prized pieces of public

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Shady Nelson to emerge in a new light panies for further sponsor-

BY ALISON ROBERTS ARTS REPORTER

LONDON could be as attractive as Paris in the evening if plans to illuminate its statu-ary and sculptures are implemented according to the Royal Society of British Sculptus. At a conference hosted by the society yesterday, Westminster City Council unweiled a scheme to illuminate Trafalgar Square in a project aimed at creating "rivers and pools of light"

around the tity.

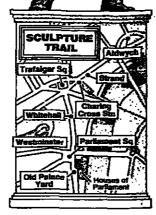
Nelson's Column, the 16ft statue itself and the surrounding buildings and sculptures, will be floodlit sing the latest will be floothi sing in the lighting technology. Michael Lowndes, principal conservation and design efficer at the council, said that the plan was intended to bring a sense of warmth and importance to the space which is really quite

unattractive after dark" The monumental buildings surrounding the square also need attention, he said "At the moment South Africa



House is totally overlit, Canada House is underlit and the National Gallery is partially lit." he said. Nelson himself. the only part of the square lit at present, was very poorly illuminated. The light seems

the time." Mr Lowndes said.



Royal Society of British Sculptors for advice and is consulting lighting experts. The square is owned by the government and the council expects it to provide some of the funds needed to put the to hit his missing arm most of scheme into practice. The project managers have approached electricity com-The council has asked the

art which exist unnoticed after dark. A walker would follow a path of light from the Strand, via Aldwych, Trafalgar Square, Whitehall and Westminster passing 30 sculptures which would all be fully lit taking into account the material used and the nature of the

John Mills, exhibitions director at the society and a well-known sculptor himself. said that the capital was full of hidden jewels waiting to be revealed by light. To promenade around London at night is very difficult and can be dangerous. A series of trails taking in the wealth of sculpture would be educative and enhance the city

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High council tax bills are forecast for Labour areas

By RACHEL KELLY

THE highest council tax bills are all likely to be in Labour-controlled authorities, with av-erage bills of more than £650 per household, according to the first nationwide estimate

of the new charge.

Tameside in Greater
Manchester, Hartlepool in
Cleveland, Newcastle upon
Tyne in Tyne and Wear,
Rotherbarn yne Sault Rotherham in South York-shire and Greenwich in London are all identified in a survey by the Association of London Authorities as likely to be among the most expensive councils in the country. Most are Labour-controlled.

A spokesman for the associ-ation said the high figures were explained by historic spending levels and the fact that the councils were in areas of high deprivation.

The survey shows that councils with the lowest tax are likely to include Wandsworth and Westminster in London, Chichester in West Sussex. Basingstoke in Hampshire, the Scilly Isles and John Major's constituency of Huntingdon in Cambridgeshire. Most are Tory-controlled.

The figures have been calculated using assumptions on the budgets councils will set Councils will not finally set their budgets until early next year. Other local government commentators have avoided estimating tax bills because of the assumptions which would have to be made.

The figures assume levels of past and present council spending, levels of capping, 98 per cent levels of collection and transitional arrangements from poll tax to council tax. In Wandsworth, London, for example, there is a zero poll tax and transitional relief cushions the impact of the new tax. The same is true for

Taken nationally, the figures produce an average bill of £522 for a Band D property. slightly higher than the gov-ernment figure of about £490. The release of the figures coincides with lists of draft valuations of homes into the eight bandings made avail-able to the public today for inspection in town halls and local valuation offices.

These valuations are based on property prices on April 1, 1991. All homes will fall into one of eight price bands and council tax bills will be calculated accordingly, with owners of more expensive homes paying more.

More than a quarter of the homes in England fall into the lowest band - properties worth under £40,000. More than two thirds are in the bottom three bands, worth under £68,000. In Wales, a fifth of homes are in the bottom band and more than two thirds are in the lowest three bands — worth under £51,000.

Householders can approach valuation officers if they think their property is in the wrong band but formal appeals cannot be made until after April l, when final lists are produced and the council tax is

officially introduced.

Local councils and the Inland Revenue are preparing for up to 1.5 million appeals from homeowners. A likely complaint will be about the way property values have fallen since April 1991, with some areas experiencing greater falls than others, but this will not be a basis for a change of band.

A spokesman for the association said that some analysts had calculated that house prices had fallen between 10 and 15 per cent in London between 1991, when the valu-ation were done, and April 1993 when final bills will be charged. "Homeowners looking at these bands will feel aggravated, not that they will be able to do anything about it. They will have to pay up," he said.

A spokesman from the environment department has defended the government's choice of April 1991 by saying that houses in the same district would have fallen by the same rate. The exercise had to start somewhere, he said.



Homeward bound: Allan Nicklin hugs his wife, Margaret, and his daughter, Sarah, at Heathrow yesterday

Saudis release **Briton**

ALLAN Nicklin, a businessman, returned to Britain yesterday to be reunited with his family after being held for two years in Saudi Arabia.

Mr Nicklin, 48, was working for an insurance company when he was arrested by the Saudi authorities after an investigation into insurance claims. He spent six months in a Jedda prison but was never charged. Patrick Cormack, Tory MP for Staf-fordshire South, campaigned for his release.

home after an appeal to King Fahd, the Saudi head of state. anniversary today.

First homeless family benefits from £750m buy-up scheme

By RACHEL KELLY, PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

THE first home has been bought and rented to a homeless family in the govern-ment's £750 million scheme for housing associations to buy up 20,000 empty and repossessed properties and help

£47,000 of government money from the Housing

Corporation, the government body which funds housing

The new tenants are Stanley

and Josephine Fice, who have

three sons, John, 21, David,

19 and Steven, 14. The family

has been living in a caravan

since the mortgage lender

associations.

revive the housing market. The three-bedroom 1970s semi-detached house in Manton Heights, Bedford, had been empty for six months after its owner moved to a new property. It was bought by Bedfordshire Pil-grims Housing Association from its private owner with Mr Nicklin was allowed

by Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary. Speaking yesterday at his home in Perton, Staffordshire, Mr Nicklin said he was delighted to be reunited with his wife Margaret, 46, daughter Sarah, 23, and son Matthew, 17. The Nicklins celebrate their silver wedding

repossessed their newsagent's business and home at Sharnbrook near Bedford in August. They were eight months behind with mortgage

> The Fice family will be presented with the keys to their new home by Sir Trevor Skeet, the MP for Bedfordshire North, when they move

in today.

Mrs Fice said she was overjoyed: "I will have a little garden again and that will be absolutely gorgeous. The wor-ry of the past few months is over and now my husband can concentrate on finding a job." Mr Fice's search for a job would be helped because he

would have a phone again and this would make arranging interviews much easier. Bedfordshire Pilgrims Housing Association has about four months in which to spend the £3.7 million it has been allocated by the Housing Corporation and estimates that it will be able to buy about 100 empty homes on the open

The association will be looking for houses in relatively good condition. The house rented to the Fice family needed only about £420 spent

Critics of the government's scheme have said that it will do little to help the housing market as housing associa-tions are unlikely to buy repossessed property because much of it is in poor condition. Sales of repossessed houses are holding down prices because sales are forced, but sales by builders or individuals are not

doing this. But there is no question that the scheme will help housing associations and the homeless, as the example of the Fice

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A High Court case has been brought by the home secretary

A riight Court case has been brought by the home secretary to determine whether a convicted drug smuggler on hunger strike in prison may lawfully be allowed to die.

Kenneth Clarke is seeking a ruling that prison authorities and medical staff may comply with the wish of Jesus Naira, 37, a Colombian, who has stated that he would prefer to die than serve 11 years for smuggling £250,000 of cocaine. Naira, who protests his innocence, has refused food since mid-May at Wandsworth prison and at Belmarsh, southeast London, where he was transferred last month.

London, where he was transferred last month.

Alper Riza, for Neira, said that the Home Office application was not being opposed by his client. David Venables, the Official Solicitor, is opposing the application so that the courts may test the legal position. The hearing was adjourned until Thursday.

Tree breaks 90ft fall

A man aged 66 on his way home from the pub escaped serious injury after falling 90ft from a viaduct and landing in a tree. The leafy branches cushioned his fall and he ended up spreadeagled in the treetop. His cries for help were heard by a passer-by who called the fire brigade to bring him down. He was taken to hospital with cuts and bruises. Police said the man, who has not been named, was walking along a narrow wall on the viaduct above the Derwent Walk nature trail near Consett. co. Durham.

LuPone in new musical

Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber yesterday announced that Patti LuPone. Tony Award winner for Evita and one of the original stars of Les Misérables in London, will play the lead role in his new musical Sunset Boulevard, which willopen in London on June 29 next year at the Adelphi Theatre and move to the US soon after. Trevor Nunn, his collaborator on Cats and Aspects of Love, will direct the production, which the musical impresario has been working on for several

Lynk loses UDM post

Roy Lynk, right, who helped Margaret Thatcher defeat Arthur Scargill and the NUM during the miners' strike, was ousted yesterday as Union of Democratic Mineworkers president. Mr Lynk, 60, blamed the recent announcements by British Coal and the government on the future of the industry for damaging his credibility. His successor is Neil Greatrex, 54, Nottinghamshire branch president.



Homelessness 'an evil'

The Archbishop of Canterbury called last night for a "moral crusade to rid society of the evil of homelessness". Dr George Carey said: "Our task is to encourage central and local government to ensure that decent, affordable housing is a variable for all." He told central leaders from 18 denominations at a service at Westminster Abbey for the Churches' National Housing Coalition to make people aware of the acute needs of "those who are roofless or where accommodation cannot be described as proper shelter".

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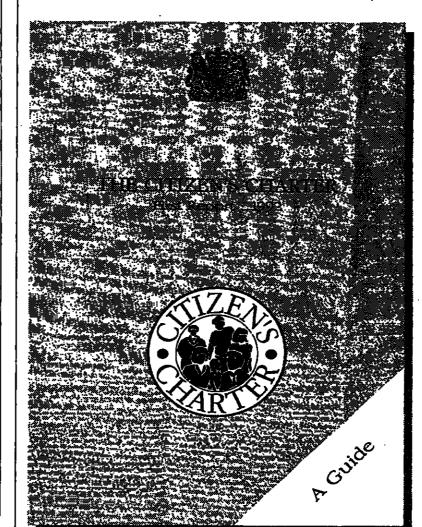
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Rising expulsions have prompted ministers to consider financial incentives for schools to persevere with disruptive pupils

By John O'Leary, education correspondent

STATE schools may face fi-nancial penalties if they exclude too many pupils, ministers said yesterday in a consultation document intended to prevent the creation of an underclass of teenagers receiving little or no formal

Eric Forth, the schools minister, said that some schools were "all too quick" to exclude troublesome pupils. He ac-knowledged that examination league tables could give headteachers an incentive to remove difficult pupils, but said that this would be a dereliction of professional duty. "Excluding a pupil from school should always be the last resort, not the first," Mr Forth said. "The government is concerned that too many pupils are being excluded and the alternative educational provision made for many of them is often inadequate.

Only one year's figures have been compiled nationally, but successive studies have indicated a rise in exclusions. Ministers are considering measures to reverse the trend, from added emphasis during teacher training on pupil behav-iour, to the inclusion of expulsions in school league

Among the options highlighted by Mr Forth was the deduction of money from school budgets where exclusions were considered unreasonable. Schools taking in excluded pupils would be re-

warded with extra funding. Government research found that 3,000 pupils were permanently excluded from school in the academic year 1990-1. Boys were four times more

likely than girls to be sent home. The peak age for expulsions was 15.

Afro-Caribbean children were proportionately most likely to be expelled, accounting for more than 8 per cent of removals despite making up only 2 per cent of pupils. Primary schools were responsible for 13 per cent of expulsions, while 12.5 per cent involved pupils with special educational needs.

The most common offences were disobedience, verbal abuse or insolence. At least 8 per cent were expelled for attacks on teachers or staff. Bullying and physical aggression against other pupils were other common reasons.

Researchers said that the variations in exclusion rates were too great to be explained by catchment areas. Children permanently removed often became virtual outcasts, facing long periods at home because of difficulties finding alternative schools. Home tuition might last only an hour a day.

Research published by the National Union of Teachers last summer showed a 20 per cent increase in exclusions over a single year. The survey suggested that schools were influenced by the introduction of league tables and the lack of alternative support to deal with disruptive pupils.
The National Association of

Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers said that it was appalled by the plan to "tax schools for the sins of their pupils". Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary, said: "Teachers cannot teach and, at the same time, act as

Contents of the tycoon's rented mansion expected to raise £300,000



Seat of power. Sotheby's porter Andy Turnbull clears Robert Maxwell's desk, which features a name plate expected to fetch up to £30

Maxwell's booty up for sale

By JOE JOSEPH

BOHEMIAN?" asked the inquisitive blonde from CNN as she tipped up an engraved. thistle-shaped wine glass from Robert Maxwell's din-

"Well, it's obviously Harrods," sniggered the man from Sotheby's, who was organising the sale of contents of Headington Hill Hall, the late tycoon's estate in Oxford rented from the city council for £10,000 a year. But just think what it must have cost to buy all these glasses," he said, remembering his Bond Street manners.

The sale of more than 600 lots in London next month should fetch more than £300,000 for Maxwell's receivers. Yesterday, the doors of the mansion were opened to public eyes. Maxwell must have grown so used to living in impersonal hotel bedrooms

that he turned the house into a hotel decorator's style manual: alongside the repro furniture there are those gawdy ornaments and seashellcovered statues that you see only in Hilton lobbies.

The two items that might really have lured curio hunters are not for sale. Maxwell's clothes have already been sent to charities, although his bedside Corby trouser press will be on the Sotheby's block.

Still in place but missing from the catalogue will be Maxwell's bedside telephone. with 35 pre-dialled call buttons, all clearly marked to connect a man who never interfered in his newspapers to everyone from his editors. Roy Greenslade, Eve Pollard and Richard Stott, to his sons Kevin and Ian, to the Mirror newsdesk, even to his London

Yet bouncing on his 6ftwide bed, staring at his giant

bedroom television, scribbling this article at the per-sonal bedroom desk where Maxwell dreamed up some of his fantastic rackets, staring out of the window at his poolside barbecue summer house, the mansion and its contents seemed as soulless and unhappy as his life. A

or "Bush and Bob", a place from which to cut deals and bark telephone orders. On his drawing room desk sits a large black name plaque with "Robert Maxwell Chairman" picked out in mother-of-pearl, just in case Betty or the kids forgot who

house not a home, a place to

display his look-who-I'm-with

snaps of "Reagan and Bob",

he was. Now you can buy it. The priciest lot is a painting the Israeli artist Reuven ibin, pitched at £15,000-£25,000. It is a view of Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives. In death, as in life.

Tour firms confident of a holiday boom

By Harvey Elliott, travel correspondent

TOUR operators are so convinced that the end of the recession is in sight that they are increasing the number of package holidays on offer over the next 12 months by 24 per

The number of Britons travelling abroad has fallen over the past two years. However, the Civil Aviation Authority. which licenses air travel holidays, has licensed 14.2 mil-

lion for next year. The figures mask a change in the rules that now cover package holidays booked on scheduled airlines as well as charter airlines. Nonetheless, this would account for only about 12-15 per cent of the

Small tour operators have

increased the number of holidays on offer by far more than their bigger rivals, leading to fears that they are being too optimistic and that another price war is inevitable.

☐ A growing unease among tourists who visit Third World countries but remain isolated from the poverty and hardship around them has led to the launch of a package tour that includes visits to charity aid stations and a compulsory £100 donation to Actionaid.

Andrew Brock Travel's first tour is planned for February. costing £1,575 per person, including the £100 donation. There will be visits to the Taj Mahal, Mysore and Cochin. plus a day at an Actionaid programme near Bangalore.

Cervical cancer deaths **cut by 15%**

BY JEREMY LAURANCE HEALTH SERVICES

DEATHS from cervical cancer, which rose dramatically among young women duting the sixties and seventies, have fallen sharply in the past six years, according to the latest figures.

Deaths from the disease which still claims almost 2,000 lives a year but is one of the most readily preventable cancers, fell by 15 per cent between 1985 and last year, accelerating the slow decline of the previous 30 years. Over the same period the proportion of women aged 20 to 64 having cervical smear tests doubled form 40 to 80 per

Dr Jack Cuzick, head of the epidemiology department of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, which published the figures, said that at least half the women who died could have been saved if they had had a smear test. "We hope this is the beginning of a downward trend in deaths from this disease as more women take up offers of

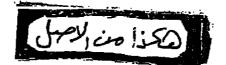
cervical screening."
The increase in the proportion of women screened followed the setting up of the National Cervical Screening Programme in 1988 and changes in general practitioners' contracts in 1990 under which they were paid incentive bonuses if they met screening targets.

The incidence of the disease trebled in the under-35sbetween 1960 and 1980 and the death rate rose 72 per cent, but the increases appear to have stabilised. The disease is thought to be transmitted by a virus during sexual inter-course. The earlier the start of sex and the more partners, the greater the risk.

There have been three sharp increases in deaths from cervical cancer this century, each corresponding to a generation maturing at a time of freer sexual relationships: during the two world wars and the permissive sixties. Smoking is also thought to play a part.



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The Times £1 m charity appeal

Fund launched to give instant disaster relief

By RUTH GLEDHILL

MONEY in the bank is what saves lives when disasters strike, according to the co-ordinators of 1st AID, a new emergency relief appeal. The World Memorial Fund for Disaster Relief, an international charity set up in 1989 by the late Lord Cheshire with United Nations backing. wants to raise £1 million for the initial fund, which will be used to respond swiftly and effectively to disasters.

Lord Cheshire's widow,

Baroness Ryder of Warsaw. who is known worldwide as Sue Ryder, believes 1st AID could save thousands of lives simply by speeding up relief

Lady Ryder, founder of charity shops and of the Sue Ryder Foundation for the Sick and Disabled, said: "The money will go towards immediate disaster relief. We should be ready to go into action with teams of paramedics, doctors and nurses. This should be followed up by another team, to look at the medium and

"Everything that is given will go directly to the people it is intended for. Only the minimum will be spent on administration and salaries." The Times' top 1,000 com-

panies are being asked for support, and of these all who make a donation will be listed in the January 1 issue of The

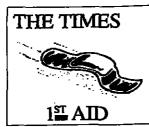
Donations will go towards a special emergency fund that can be released within hours to fund teams of experts as well as buy food, medicines, clothing and shelter. Organisers believe this will eliminate the time wasted waiting for the results of public appeals that follow most individual disasters.

David Puttnam, the celebrated film maker and a trustee of the appeal, said yesterday: "It is the simplicity. almost the audacity, of 1st AID that makes it so attractive. As the money is there before disaster strikes, the aid and assistance can get where it is needed far more quickly and

efficiently."
The Overseas Development

Agency has catalogued more than 20 world disasters this year alone, ranging from fam-ine in Somalia, an earthquake in Egypt, to floods in Pakistan and drought in Haiti.

Lady Ryder, who served during the second world war in the highly secret Polish section of the Special Operations Executive, wants to dispel the myth that a donation of 50p or £1 will not help problems on the scale of fighting in the former Yugoslavia, or the famines in Africa.



The Times 1st AID Appeal, 3 Throgmorton Avenue, London EC2N 2WW. Co-ordinated by the World Memorial Fund for Disaster Relief, a registered

"Even 20p will make a difference to an individual's life, and we can guarantee that it gets there," she said. 1st AID can assure that £250 will provide enough food for 100 families for a week; £500 will buy 160 blankets for people made homeless; £1,000 will fully equip two emergency surgery teams, £2,500 will pay for a hospital tent equipped with 40 beds and £5,000 will

pay for the hire of a container truck with fuel and insurance. When there is a disaster. people often want to give but do not know where or how. Lady Ryder believes. Many are inhibited by a fear that supplies will not get through. or that once through they could be siphoned off by corrupt officials. She said: There is a very mild form of corruption everywhere. But I can only speak from my own experience as a long-distance driver, auxiliary muss and relief worker. Whatever we have received, we have used."

Early next year, she is planning another long-dis-tance drive to the former tion had 22 homes and hospi-

The Charities Aid Foundation will be responsible for all banking and donation aspects of 1st AID. The money will be transferred immediately to eligible charities, which will include only those concerned with international relief aid, or it will be held by CAF in a high-interest account for access when needed.

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Yugoslavia, where her foundatals. Up to seven have been severely damaged or destroyed in the fighting.
She said: "I saw indescrib-

able cruelty both during and after the war. We do not know what it is to endure torture. We cannot visualise what it is to be desperately cold or extremely hot; to have no food or water; to be in pain and not know there is any relief from that pain; to be in daily danger and see no hope on the horizon." She is concerned in particu-

lar about the rise in fascism in Germany. "It is essential for people to remember what history should teach us. It is no good saying that was all in the past, that it won't happen again. The present is a continuation of the past. Unless we face up to the realities of nazism and racial hatred, we have not learned anything," she said.

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Solar Corona



station uses sex to woo audiences

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

IF SEX sells tabloid newspapers it can attract more viewers to ITV, according to Carlton Television, which says it plans to amuse and educate adult viewers with advice on orgasms, impotence, inhibitions and bedside

The Good Sex Guide, a seven-part adult education programme hosted by the Liverpudlian actress Margi Clarke, will combine comedy sketches, factual information and expert advice with the personal revelations of more than 400 people.

Broadcast nationally on Monday nights at 10.40 from January 11, the programme will contain explicitativice but will not be salacious. Vicki Barrass, the producer, said: "It may get us into trouble but it's not

Carlton, which takes over ITV broadcasting from Thames in London at midnight on New Year's eve, had secure the Independent Television Commission's approval for the programme.

Ms Barrass, who recently produced BBC1's Move Over Darling series about feminism, said the programme will also examine men's anxieties over their sexual performance and penis size. Other topics include faking orgasm, premature ejaculation, sexual fantasies, safe sex and advice on how to "keep the spark

Ms Clarke, who starred in Letter To Brezhnev and Making Out, said she agreed to

Sublimation at High Temp.

present the present the programme because her star sign is Gemini. "It's the most promiscuous sign. Besides, I have Scorpio rising, which is centred in the genitals," she said.

Carlton has spent £43 million on 100 hours of networked programmes and 450 hours of regional output for the first 35 weeks of next year's ITV schedule. It will begin broadcasting with A Carlton New Year, a 90minute programme present-ed by Chris Tarrant and including Paul McCartney and his band in a rare live

performance. Carlton has produced four peak viewing time dramas. Head over Heels is set in 1950s London at the dawning of the rock 'n' roll era and Body and Soul is the story of a nun forced by family tragedy

to cope outside the convent. A Statement of Affairs is a story of friendships put to the test and Oasis, a ground-breaking children's drama, follows inner-city youngsters who try to convert wasteland into a

The new station will broad-

cast eight comedies under the Comedy Playhouse banner, including Wendy Craig and Sheila Hancock in Brighton Belles and Wild Oats, about an ageing playboy unable to accept he is past his prime. ☐ A savage sequel to Channel 4's spoof soap about the disintegration of the royal

family promises to dash any hopes the Queen might have had for a peaceful end to her "annus horribilis". In Pallas II the actress

playing the Queen is shown

frolicking naked in the show-

er with the Duchess of York, who is later seen vomiting after a large dinner. Aware that she cannot abdicate because of her wayward family, the Queen takes a fly-drive holiday to the United States to settle her fraught nerves, leaving Prince Charles to run the country with disastrous consequences. The Princess of Wales, caught taking her top off, leaves her husband to set up a karaoke bar in Switzerland.

The three 25-minute episodes are among the high-lights of Channel 4's £9 million Christmas schedule, which will also feature Charlie Chaplin classics and a documentary about the comic. Our Charlie, broadcast to coincide with the release of Sir Richard Attenborough's

Astronomical Contributions on the Solar System

By J.J.H. SAMRA (★)

ABSTRACTS

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- IMPORTANT FUNCTION OF MAGNETIC seric field lines from the Sun and solar wind. make the zodiacal light particles orbit the Sun with
- CONSEQUENCES OF HIGH TEMPERATURE SUBLIMATION AT SOLAR CORONA Generation of particles with a diameter of less than 10 angstroms. The solar wind is highly effective
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- stroms, as it is demonstrated here below, the Earth accretion rate is over 12 million tons/yr. IMPORTANT FUNCTION OF COMETS AND ASTEROIOS

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- is: 4 million tons/yr. which is adequate for the referred purpose, and is a part of the total accretion tons/yr. ORIGIN OF SEP (Solar Energetic Particles)
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1. INTRODUCTION

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It is known that solar wind flows along a spiral path
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dictated by magnetic fields from the Sun. of the Sun produces the spiral pattern. Thus, subtimated particles, accelerated by solar wind also flow along a spiral path.

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soward the zodiacal light by solar wind.

- Solar wind is Highly Effective blowing these small ard. This is due to the known fact that a tive acceleration is inversely equal density, the repul

L3 HIGHLY EFFICIENT EARTH ACCRETION

Due to the considerable speed difference between the Earth orbital motion (direct sense at 29.8 km/scct. and the zodiacal light motion (retrograde sense at similar speed), the penetration of the zodiacal light particles

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Earth Accretion Rate is Max. at Equatorial and Middle Latitudes Actretion takes place of

Vectors representing the flux are at right angles at Earth is rotating, the flux becomes uniform, beta imm at the equatorial and middle latitudes. Earth Accretion Rate is Minimum at Polar Areas

mum amount of particles from should penetrate in those areas. In practice, this prediction is quite confirmer trace metals concentration at polar areas are lower by about two orders of magnitude /3/.

1.4 EARTH ACCRETION RATE vestigations indicate a magnitude of about 40 as/day of meteor dust, equivalent to 14,600 tons/yr. The mass median weight of the particles is about 10

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stroms, as detailed below, the Earth accretion rate is over 12 million tons/yr. CHARACTERISTICS OF THE 14,600 tons/yr

a) Those Particles Never Reached the Solar Corona The relatively big diameters of those particles, are indi-cating that they never reached the solar corona, where sublimation on high temp, generates a particle diam, of less than 10 augstroms (Sect. I.2) They are mainly particles that spiralling inward to

the Sun, strike or are attracted by the Earth, As It is known, partial ablation in the atmosphere reduces pur-

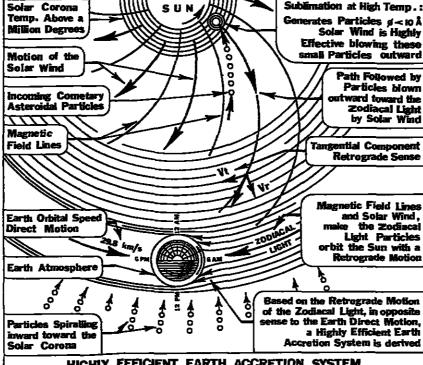
FLUX OF PARTICLES THAT SPIRAL INWAFD ies with bound solar orbits enter the atmosphere with a known minimum vessery or approx. 11 km/sec. The sphere of attraction at that min. speed has a radius of less than 400,000 km (duant.: 800,000 km)

If 14,600 tons/yr of particles in the range size unfluence diameter of less than 800 000 km, then through the Earth orbit of 940 million km, land with higher inclinations too) more than 17 million long'y

This is a minimum value, because there is a considerable amount of particles from cornerary origin as well, that are spiralling inward to the Sun, from different directions and inclinations.

will be spuraling inward to the Sun

Therefore, considering the consquences of high nortature sublimation at solar vorona (Sect. 1.2).



HIGHLY EFFICIENT EARTH ACCRETION SYSTEM and the highly efficient Earth accretion system (Section 1.3), a

Obviously the median value is greater, and a precise guitade can be obtained with the relatively sample method

1.5 IMPORTANT FUNCTION OF COMETS AND It has been proved by numerous investigations that trace nears for photosynthesis (Fe. Mo. Cu) and for healthy growth (Ni, V. Co. etc) are present in every precipitation all

Section 2. details, the influence of all the terrestrial possolution a octains the injustment of an one terrestrial sibilities, demonstrating that the referred main and compounts is not terrestrial but extraorressmal (competers)

1.6 ORIGIN OF SEP (Solar Emergetic Particles) From the above demonstrations it is deduced that SEP are the result of incoming cometary and asteroidal particles, sub-imated at solar corona and blown outward by high energetic protons; days to these corona.

The SEP flux is small because the high energetic tons thus, that accelerate them, are relatively small too [7]. Measuring the energy of all fluxes in Med/lag cm. sec., then the ratio of that specific energy for high energetic stons to SEP becomes in good agreement with the corporating ratio of solar wind protouts to particles accelerated them at what covered the second control of the second covered to the second cove

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1.7 ANOMALOUS ABUNDANCE OF COPPER RELA-

and asteroidal particles.

The result of that combination is in good agreement with the corresponding abundance found in the precipitations. Extensive investigations indicate that more comets observed have undergone a common formation and evolutions.

IS ZODIACAL LIGHT PARTICLES DETECTOR AND These particles cannot yet be detected and analyzed for the

Numeral Detectors cannot detect particles of less than 10

ULET (Ultra Low Energy Telescope), can efficiently detect SEP (Solar Energetic Particles), but it has these limitations: High phreshold tabout 1 MeV/nucleon) /11/, while a nucleons (Fe) from the rediscal light, impacting at 60 km/see has only 1 KeV/nucleon, and also it cannot detect and analyze the very large flux of the zodiacal light particles.

instruted in Sect. 1.4, zodiacal light particles of less than 10 angstroms diameter penetrate the atmosphere at a min, rate of 12 million tom/vr.

Satellite measurements indicate a value of 40 tons/day (14,600 tons/yr) /4/. confirmed by LDEF (Long Duration Exposure Facility) /12/. for particles over 100 angstroms

s disc. will be affect than 0.15 per cent. Obviously an improvement is obtain the referred disc receives impacts during night and more madratures only (Sect. 1.3) Meteor showers flux, is aprox, 40 tons/day during shot

Special Impact Disc
Therefore a special introduct disc, provided with an adequate
and ultra pure adhesive substance, on a surface of one sq
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Having those 300 micrograms in a one liter solution, the concentration will be 300 micrograms/1 taprot. 300 ppb). Aftich is quite sufficient to analyze (by A4S. FL) the elements of the periodic table from Z 3 up to Z 30. Alternative Method: same impact disc, installed on "Carrane" Recuperable Capsule /13/.

2. TRACE METALS FOR PHOTOSYNTHESIS AND FOR HEALTHY GROWTH, ARE PRESENT IN PRE CIPITATIONS ALL OVER THE WORLD AND IN CONSTANT CONCENTRATION ORDER IS

 Sea waters: In mg/l, present day composition of sea water is C1, 19,000; Fe. 0.01; Mar 0.002. Cur 0.003; Nii 0.007; 0 002; Car 0.0004 /14/. vary from 0,1 to 0.2 mg/1 (av.: 0.15) in rural areas. In ocean

area the value is about 13 mg/1./15, 6/. Maintaining the same ratio: CI/Fe (equal to 1.900,000). CI/Mu, etc for sea water and rainfall, simple calcula ows that the av. influence of sea wan metals in rural precipitations (see Sect. 4) is less than 0.001 per cent (insignificant) and less than 0.5 per cent

in ocean precipitations (very low). It will obviously be present in rainfall samples col-lected in a dust storm, around industrial comers, or near roads with heavy traffic, etc :

Solt contamination: mainly terrestrial clays (the lig Constituent of soils. Which are clearly seen by SEM (Scanning Electron Microscope), with magnification up to 30,000X, and with the aid of existing electron micro-

on, are also detected easily /17/. These processes never reach the boiling point of

Exhaustive investigations show that a substantial fraction of heavy metals emission are deposited in a radius of 10 km /18/.

On the other hand, in samples collected under special precautions including nonvolcanic periods, for from contaminating centers, with wer weather, prevail-ing winds from the sea, and collection at the end of a persistent rainfall, all the contaminants described disappear completely, checked by SEM before analysis. Then the analyses (by AAS, FLL performed under

the above conditions, indicate at least the min, av. of trace metals concentration as detailed in Sect. 4.c. which evidently are not due to terrestrial but to extra-

The corresponding flux is calculated in the follow-

This value is in agreement with the requirement for photosynthesis and healthy growth, in a normal agricultural production, for grains only (where stems and stubble recycle)/19/ and they are a part of the min. 12 million tons/yr acrosed by the Earth (Sect. 1.4). The can value of these magnitudes should be e ined by the relatively simple method rec

CONVERGING EVENTS THAT CONFIRM PRECEEDING DEMONSTRATION:

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areas: its origin is now understood. (Details and dem-

It is known that the ocean is the main source of ntration order to the different continents.

The concentrations are aprox, inversely propor-tal to see salt content, (Sect. 4) because in the occur. up to 3 km of altitude there is a maritime se

e) Soil and anthrepogenic emissions
The Soil Survey staff of the USDA, made the following
soil classification system, based on both physical and
chemical properties: 10 orders 47 suborders and
11.500 series, recognized in soil surveys in USA. The
corresponding figures for any large country are also
large [21]. corresponding figures for any sup-large [21].

Considering also the number of different emin-sions due to human activities, them for every site in the world, and because of humidity and wind variations (unexisty, differences in trace means compo-sition and concentration order in the precipitations, the cruetalney mentioned above, would

3. FLUX (Trace metals mentioned in Sections 1.5 and is it is known the Earth area is 509.6 million sq km (Land: 29 %) The precipitation average over the whole . Earth 19 about 100 cm/yr, and this means that for a concentration of one microgram/1 of any trace metal, a deposition of 10 g/m or 1 kg/sq km corresponds. Therefore, adding the concentration values indicated in Sect. 4, the results are: RURAL PRECIPITATION 26.4 ppb. OCEAN PRECIPITATIONS: 1.74 ppb.

Thus, the corresponding deposition on land and ocean are 2.95 and 1.10 million tons/yr, and this total deposited on Earth is 4 million tons/yr. In land and sea areas the polar areas have been deducted, due to y low concentration values in those

4. TRACE METALS IN PRECIPITATIONS (micro-

gram/1: ppb) /6, 3/ a) OCEAN PRECIPITAIONS: manimum sea sait content and min. amount of trace metals. Fe: 2.94; Mm: 0.218; Cu: 0.32; Ni: 0.167; V: 0.096 b) COASTAL PRECIPITATIONS: reduced propor of sea salt and a greater amount of trace metal 15.4: Ma: 1,36; Car 0.68; Nr. 0.79; V: 0.67 e) RURAL PRECIPITATIONS; min. sea salt content

5. SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATION The astronomical contributions described under ABSTRACTS, have been detailed and demonstrated in

Included in those demonstrations are the flux of nerrestrial trace metals for photosynthe healthy growth (4 million tout/yr) as a part of the Earth accretion rate (min. 12 million tout/yr).

The corresponding mean values are difficult to predict, but it will be relatively simple to determine precisely with the method tarderined in Section 1.8 It is expected that NASA and CNES authorities will approve and improve this project, which appreciably enhance the knowledge of our S

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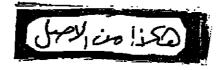
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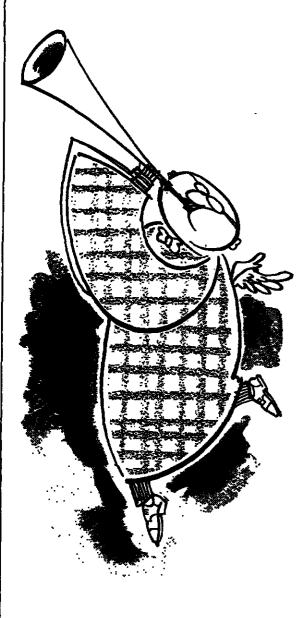
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EC summit exhibition showcases British artists

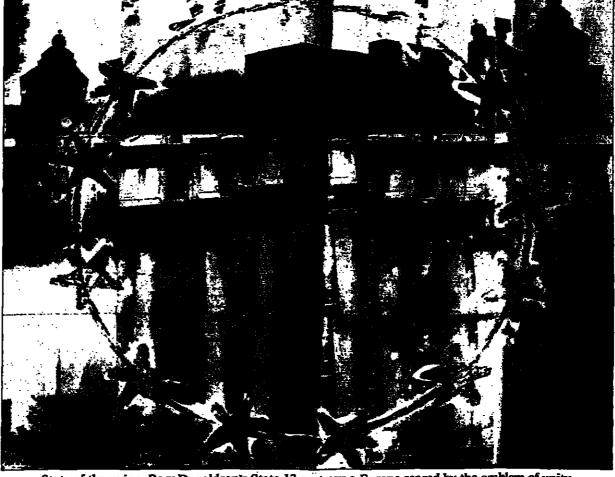
IF John Major needs his spirit bolstered at next week's Edinburgh summit. visit to the city's art centre, where part of the European Parliament art collection is on show together with this year's 15 new British acquisitions.

European Parliament art collection? Few MEPs know it exists and fewer members of the European public. Begun in 1979, the collection gin in 1979, the conection contains contemporary work by artists from each of the member states. Each year parliamentary funds are made available for each country in turn to buy homegrown work. This year it was Britain's and studies for year. galleries and studios for rep-

resentative art.

The exhibition in Edinburgh, part of the European art festival, which is intended to celebrate Britain's EC presidency, is the public's first opportunity to view the paintings and photographs that usually adorn corridors and offices in Brussels, Strasbourg and Luxembourg. Nick Serota, director of the

co-ordinator of the Twelve Stars exhibition, were given £70,000 to buy British work of their choice. They have concentrated on work by younger artists — of the 15 only three are aged over 40 and have chosen a rich mix of abstract painting, sculpture and photography from England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.



State of the union: Rory Donaldson's State I3 portrays a Europe seared by the emblem of unity

exhibition highlighted the growing importance of European art. "Increasingly, artists are more interested in being seen in Europe rather than America. New York still in Europe." Internal EC poli-

provides a good market for British artists, but much of the best work being made by

tics during the past six months have affected the art festival, but the exhibition should cheer the British contingent. "The festival is another sign that politicians

are paying more attention to our achievement in the arts and they are paying that attention increasingly because while we are no longer world, or even European leaders in many areas, I believe we are artistic lead-

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ers." he said.

The exhibition was first mooted by Patricia Raw-lings, MEP, who was keen to publicise an institutional art collection that belongs to a public ignorant of its exis-tence. "It was actually unknown to most of the MEPs. but art is an integral part of the whole community which we should all share and appreciate," she said. If Mr Major decides to

invite his 11 counterparts to view the exhibition, they should take a look at one of the new acquisitions by Scottish artist Rory Donaldson. pean building which is frag-mented and tinged with fiery red, has been branded with an ominous 13-starred EC logo - perhaps calling into question an expanding European Community that app-ears to be simultaneously falling apart at the seams.

Mr Wheatley hopes that

Britain's seriousness in making its selection will set a precedent. By asking the director of the Tate to pick work and by organising the exhibition. Britain has shown a commitment to

innovative and young art.
The piece bought from the idest and most established of the artists chosen, the sculptor Kenneth Armitage. is an example of British art at its most international and communicative.

Armitage produces figures in brass, resin and aluminium that explore universal forms said to hold the possibility of "speaking to anyone, anywhere".

Secret Treasury paper lists exemptions

Public-sector workers may breach pay limits

INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE government's 1.5 per cent pay limit will not apply evenly to all public-sector employees, according to a confidential document prepared by the Treasury and seen by The

The paper, which sets out details of the pay restraint policy, is the first indication that there may be flexibilities in the pay policy that could be rises of more than the 1.5 per cent ceiling announced earlier this month by Norman Lamont, the Chancellor.

While the Treasury document, marked "Management in confidence", restates that "all public-sector employees will be treated alike", it says clearly that the policy will not apply to some elements of pay in the public sector, such as performance pay. It also suggests that the low-paid may be subject to special provision.

UP TO A quarter of the clergy

in the diocese of Durham are

contemplating resignation over the issue of women's

ordination, and several more

are holding back from openly

Although Durham diocesan

officials say they will not become involved in a numbers game, the figure of up 60 priests allowing their names to

go on a list compiled by a

leading campaigner in the diocese is far greater than the 25 predicted before the mea-

It is also a possible source of

embarrassment for Dr David

Jenkins, the Bishop of Dur-

ham, and the suffragan

bishop of Jarrow, the Rt Rev

Alan Smithson, who have

spoken strongly in favour of

The total of 60 is claimed by

in the first of an occasional

series, I interview people in

the public eye about their

plans for the festive season. No 1: John Birt.

Q: Mr Birt, do you have an

A: There are two — perhaps three — possibly four ways of looking at that question. The

first suggests that I may have

an advent calendar, the sec-

ond that I may not have an advent calendar, the third

that I may have more than

one advent calendar. What

one must always do is look

for a middle ground, though of course the higher and lower grounds should by no

Q: Thank you for clarifying

your position. Could I now ask you, Mr Birt, how your

Christmas shopping is

means be ignored.

advent calender?

sure was passed last month.

joining the dissenters' ranks.

■ Guidelines on civil servants' pay suggest the government's policy may be more flexible than it seemed at first

Union negotiators are likely to seize on exemptions mentioned in the paper to get round the pay policy. One public-sector union pay nego-tiator said yesterday: "There is certainly scope within the system for people to do better

The exemptions to the ceil-Derformance pay, which the government is seeking to spread across the public sector although the Treasury was unable to say how many

public sector employees were

☐ Productivity schemes. Bluecollar industrial civil servants, for example, all work under these schemes, which the document says would be

the Rev Ian Hoskins, rector of St Margaret's, Durham, and

a sympathiser with the Cost of

Conscience movement, which

is opposed to the ordination of

women. "A lot more are

seriously disturbed, but have

not gone as far as saying they

are contemplating resigna-tion," Mr Hoskins said.

A spokesman for Dr Jenkins

said that he would not make

any public comment on the

issue until after the new year to

allow time for reflection. How-

ever, it had always been ex-

pected that there would be

difficulties for some priests, as

well as laity, which ever way

number was apparently so high. Dr Jenkins and the

Bishop of Jarrow have

organised a series of meetings

CRAIG BROWN

A: I certainly want to be

Christmas shopping. At this stage it would be a great

mistake just to go for a narrow type of present, though of course we must

learn to specialise in areas of

excellence simply than going

after everything, willy-nilly.

Q: What have you asked Santa to give you this

A: I've asked him to come up

There was surprise that the

the vote went.

with the doubters.

Discontent grows

over women priests

By PAUL WILKINSON

☐ Bonus pay. Many chief executives of government agencies such as Customs and Excise and the Benefits Agency, which were formerly full Whitehall departments or substantial parts of them, receive

ments and the document says these should continue; ☐ Local labour market allowances. Special payments introduced to deal with specific recruitment problems several years ago, for example for typists in London, which are still paid as part of salary despite higher unemployment "will not be constrained with-

private-sector-style bonus pay-

in [the] overall limit", the ☐ The low-paid. While any such arrangements should not be made centrally, the paper suggests possible flexibility by saying that "those responsible for negotiating within the public sector will have discre-tion to append different in tion to award different in-

creases to different groups within [the] overall limit".
Under previous pay policies, management and union negotiators have often tried to pay extra by such means as productivity bargaining in the 1960s and self-financing pro-ductivity deals in the 1970s. They may try to exploit flexibilities suggested by the Treasury to beat the 1.5 per cent limit. In addition to the exceptions

to the pay policy, the Treasury paper raises questions about the policy not mentioned by the government when the limit was announced. It dismisses the idea that the policy discriminates against the public sector, denies that the limit will not stick and challenges claims that it is unfair.

It also raises the question of the policy continuing for long-er than the year specified by the Chancellor, noting that while the government has said it will last for just 12 months, Britain may be "moving into a world where lower pay settlements are the norm.

with a wide range of ideas in

a discussion document, to be

printed as soon as possible -

or indeed later - ideas that, on the one hand won't be

simply dry and elitist, but, on

the other, won't be cheap

ways of gaining popularity.

O: And Santa will make this

discussion document avail-

able in time for Christmas?

A: In time for Christmas '96:

yes. I am confident that we

can have every hope of that.

Q: Happy Christmas, Mr

A: Thank you, and may I

wish all your readers a

offering fresh challenges for

the new year. Alternatively

Q: I'm afraid that's all we

have time for, Mr Birt.

broadly-based Christmas,

viability permitting.

Fewer under-20s spurn drug use

YOUNG people have an increasingly relaxed attitude to drugs, with almost 30 per cent believing that cannabis should be legalised and only two thirds saying they would never thirds saying they would never they hard or soft drugs. But they try hard or soft drugs. But they are becoming increasingly worried about Aids and show rising concern about the

environment. The findings are revealed in Youth Facts 3, a survey of 532 people aged 11-20 conducted by Ēmap Metro and Marketing Direction Ltd.

Four years ago more than 80 per cent said they would never experiment with any drugs and only 14 per cent believed cannabis should be legalised. This year only two thirds said they would never experiment and the percentage supporting legalisation allowing the use of cannabis had more than doubled.

The young people's greatest concern is their careers. Their worries about Aids are reflected in the figure of only 25 per cent who would be embarrassed to go into a shop to buy condoms today, compared with a third in 1988.

The most significant change over the past four years is in attitudes towards racism. In 1988 four in ten thought blacks and Asians would get a bad deal on jobs and housing and this has doubled to eight out of ten today.

More than half of young people want to accept more responsibility in their lives, eat and drink sensibly and disagree that there is too much concern for the environment. The same proportion would not buy toiletries or cosmetics which have been tested on animals, while two thirds try to buy and use environmentally

friendly products. Although the number of young people has dropped from 8.7 million in 1988 to 7.3 million today, they have an increased annual disposable income of £9.4 billion, 19 per cent more than in 1988 after inflation is taken into account. This rise could be because young people live with their parents longer as they

cannot afford to move out. Their top spending priorities are going out, clothes, records and tapes. The top three magazines read by boys are about computers and the most favoured newspaper is News of the World.

Lodger murdered landlady

MENSAGE

A lodger was jailed for life yesterday for strangling and robbing his landlady after making love to her. Oktay Oczelebi, 28, a clerk, was convicted at the Old Bailey of murder. His claim that he accidentally killed spinster Feriha Apa. 48, was rejected

by the jury.

His case led to protests last
April when Judge Denison
ruled against keeping him in
prison on remand. Despite
police objections Oczelebi was
granted bail with stringent
conditions.

conditions.

Mr David Calvert-Smith, prosecuting, said Oczelebi attacked Miss Apa at her home in Wood Green, north London, after she had invited him in on September 8, 1990. They had sex while watching the film Planet of the Apes on television and Oczelebi strangled her with his hands and the telephone cord. He fled with her jewellery and went abroad but was traced and extradited.

Damages won

Stephen Stewart, 8, whose mother. Constance, bled to death after an emergency caesarean operation at Dulwich Hospital, southeast London, within hours of him being born in September 1984, was awarded £56,250 damages at the High Court yesterday. Camberwell Health Authority denied negligence but agreed the settlement for Stephen, who lives with his grandparents, Iris and Eworth Stewart. in Mitcham, south London.

Guard accused

John Edward Starkey, a security guard at Stansted Air-port, was yesterday accused of two charges under the 1883 Explosives Act of causing an explosives Act or causing are explosion likely to endanger life or property after incendiary device attacks on a W H Smith store and a library in Chelmsford, Essex, Starkey, the chelmsford of the chelmsford. 51, of Writtle, Cheimsford was remanded in custody until Wednesday next week. There was no application for bail.

SPENDING MONEY Average disposable income per v boys and girls age 11-20 BOYS GIRLS 17-18

A LAW FOR PRIVACY?

SHOULD there be a law to protect privacy? Cooper, QC, and Lord Williams of Mostyn, QC, will join Simon Jenkins, the former editor of The Times. and Richard Shepherd MP to debate the issue at the London Press Centre New Street Square, London EC4 on December 2 at 6.30pm (071-704 994 i). Lord Woolf will be in the chair. To obtain tickets to the forum, Should there be a law to protect privacy?, being held in association with

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Lodger murderer familiady

French refuse to lift threat of veto on trade deal

By Michael Hornsby

FRANCE remains opposed to a world trade deal that includes the cuts in farm subsi-dies agreed by European Community and American negotiators in Washington early last month, a senior French government minister

Asked whether France was prepared to lift its threat to veto a General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade settlement, Jean-Pierre Soisson, the French agriculture minister, replied brusquely: "No change," as he emerged from three-hour meeting over lunch with his British opposite number, John Gummer, in London. M Soisson brushed aside further questions.

The two men dined on fresh tomato soup and roast English lamb with caper sauce, washed down with red and white Burgundy from M Soisson's home region. The meal failed to change the French minister's view that a Gatt deal as proposed would impose a bigger burden on French farmers than they would have to accept under the recent reform of the European Community's common agricultural policy.

Mr Gummer said: "The French government does want to have a Gatt settlement but it does have some very real problems on the agricultural front and our job will have to be to try to find the best way in

which we can help them." Mr Gummer said he had received "an absolute and total" assurance from M Soisson that the French government would "use all the force of French law" to prevent French farmers from disrupting exports of British livestock and farm produce to the Continent A militant faction of French farmers has threatened to start a campaign of attacks on lorries carrying British produce today. They

accuse Britain of conniving with the United States to push through a deal on reducing farm subsidies that goes beyond the cuts envisaged under

Mr Gummer said that all the evidence he had, showed that the proposed Gatt settle ment could be accommodated within the reform. "The deal in Washington was a good one for Europe. The Americans have moved very significantly in our direction," he said. As a major exporting country, France needed a Gatt settlement as much as any country in Europe.

Earlier David Naish, president of the National Farmers' Union, said violence by French farmers against British exports would be outrageous and counter-productive We can understand the concern of French farmers, but taking to the streets is not the best way to make progress. It is time for cool heads and steady nerves rather than for violence," he said.

Speaking at the Royal Smithfield Show at Earls Court in London, Mr Naish said: "We do not want the policymakers to stop listening to us because we are behaving like hooligans." The Gatt dea would put extra pressure on agriculture but there was still room for negotiation on the details of its implementation even though the broad frame work could not now be altered

The NFU shares some of the French concerns about the future impact of a Gatt deal. In particular there is worry about the possibility that the amount of arable land that will have to be left fallow will need to be increased beyond the 15 per cent required under the CAP reform if the EC is to stay within the export limits agreed with the United States. Any increase would bear heavily on Britain because few



Bringing home the bacon: John Gummer, the agriculture minister, gets hands-on experience of pig farming at the Royal Smithfield show at Earls Court yesterday

British farmers are small enough to be exempt from the set-aside requirement.

☐ Brussels: Jürgen Möllemann. the German economics minister, yesterday warned the French government not to jeopardise the Gatt accord (Tom Walker writes).

At an EC energy council in Brussels, Herr Möllemann said that if France vetoed the

deal with Washington, then the drawn-out problems of Britain and Denmark ratifying the Maastricht treaty would be aggravated. "That is why the German government is asking its French friends to be more flexible," Herr

Möllemann said. Today 50,000 farmers were expected to take to the streets of Strasbourg to demonstrate

against the Washington deal. Pierre Beregovoy, the prime minister, appealed to them: 'Don't play with fire."

Yesterday the agricultural violence spread to Spain. where the American embassy in Madrid was pelted with potatoes, fruit and grain by

Maastricht rebels vow to fight for referendum debate

By JILL SHERMAN AND PHILIP WEBSTER

night sessions are more likely

when the committee stage

on November 4. The pledge

then that the bill's third read-

ing would not be held until

May, after the second Danish

referendum, has undoubtedly

weakened the government's

negotiating stance in the run-

negotiating state in the fun-up to Edinburgh.

Senior ministers, however, are increasingly optimistic that the Danes, who inherit the EC presidency from Britani in January, will be in a

ain in January, will be in a position to hold their referen-

dum in the spring.
Provided the Edinburgh

summit can give them satisfac-

tion on the four key doubts they have raised on the treaty.

including citizenship and the

single currency, ministers believe their Copenhagen

counterparts will be deter-

mined to clear up the "Danish

question" while they are in

charge of running the Com-

munity. Were they to fail to do so. Mr Major would face the dilemma of whether to wait

indefinitely for the Danes, or

to press on regardless in May, prompting charges from the sceptics that he had reneged.

The Labour party is unlikely

to vote as one against the

government, unless it attempts

to bring in a "guillotine"

motion to limit discussion. It

will, however, support amend-

ments for the social chapter,

the election of the committee

of regions and amendments

relating to economic and

Dr Jack Cunningham, the

shadow foreign secretary did

leave the door open on Sun-

day for Labour to vote down

the bill when it reaches its final

reading next year, although

party sources emphasised yes-

terday that no decision had

been made. Tory whips know

that they will have to be on

their guard for the ambush, in

which the diverse opponents

combine to inflict a damaging

reverse on the government.

monetary union.

Ministers are still counting the cost of the concession granted by John Major to avert a defeat in the Commons

continues early next year.

TORY Euro-rebels said last night that they would fight against moves to block a referendum amendment to the Maastricht treaty bill which returns to the commons today for what is expected to prove a surmy

The warning came after Michael Morris, the deputy Speaker, told MPs that he would take a tough line if they tried to disrupt the passage of the bill with endless points of order. Mr Morris, who will took the unusual step of rying to ensure an orderly russage for the bill by calling in signatories from all parties of the 350 amendment that have been tabled. Nearly 100 amendments have not been accepted because the have been out of order.

In an effort to reduce filibustering, Mr Morris told select-ed Euro-loyalists and Eurospectics how they could use his office to get amendments in order and to make representations rather than raise these in the House. He made it dear, however, that no money resolutions - covering a referendum - would be accepted.

Mr Morris also ingered many Euro-sceptics by sug-gesting that the first amendments would be crouped together in a general common-purpose heading This would include a debute on a Liberal Democrat motion. that Title 1 of the Mastricht treaty, which deembes the nature of the European union. should be included in the bill. Many of the leading rebels, such as Sir Teddy Laylor, were furious last night that the bill was so short that it would only allow debate on a very small part of the treaty. Sir Teddy was also clearly anury that a

referendum was out of order. Mr Morris spent yesterday afternoon seeing some MPs on their own and others in a group to try to persuade them against raising interminable points of order today.

Although ministers are expected to bring proceedings Final harvest, page 25 | tonight and tomorrow night to AROUND THE LOBBY

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back synod MPs were urged yester-day not to overturn the Church of England decision to allow the ordination of woman. Michael Alison, who answers in the Commons for the Church Commissioners, said: "It is the standard tradition we do not overturn the majorities reached in the General Synod." The church would compensate any dergyman who felt he had to leave because he could not accept women priests. MPs are expected to vote on the issue next July.

War files

Secret files relating to German wartime occupation of the Channel Islands are to be made public today, Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary, said. Some will not be opened "on the grounds of personal

Court plea

The Lord Chancellor's department is considering a suggestion that magistrates' courts should open in the evening for the convenience of court users.

Culprit sought An investigation is to be

carried out to discover who drew a moustache on the portrait of Baroness Thatcher that hangs in the new Parliament Building. Betty Boothroyd, the Speaker, said.

In Parliament

Commons (2.30): Questions: employment; prime minister. European Communities (amendment) bill, committee, first day. Lords (2.30): British Coal and British Rail (transfer proposals) bill, committee. second day.

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MPs demand rethink on defence cuts

By SHELLA GUNN POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE government should abandon the deep cuts planned in the armed forces under its Options for Change programme, the Commons

defence committee says.

The committee, under its new chairman. Sir Nicholas Bonsor, argued that since the phased reduction of about 100,000 jobs was drawn up in July 1990, the defence commitments had changed, cast-ing doubt on the wisdom of

sticking to the original plans. From the report on the defence estimates, and last week's sessions with defence officials, the MPs have made it clear they are increasingly anxious that the smaller army could be overstretched in meeting commitments in Northern Ireland, Yugoslavia

and elsewhere. Since the cuts were announced there had been the



Bonsor questioning wisdom of proposals

potentially violent break-up of the Soviet Union, withdrawal of Soviet forces from Central and Eastern Europe, the break-up of Yugoslavia, growing instability in the Near and Middle East, and further military commitments to the United Nations. The MPs hinted that demand for the cuts came from the Treasury. "It does ...

seem odd that new force levels tion of financial profligacy." and structures were fixed in the MPs said. July 1990 with some precision before the basic roles which they were to fulfil had been determined even within the defence ministry.

Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary, assured the committee that the strategic changes did not change the reasoning behind Options for Change. The committee said: This implies that the key choices made in 1990 have ... produced solutions robust and flexible enough to cope with unforeseen changes. leaving the current administration the task of carryng through decisions already made. We find

this barely credible." The report pointed out that redundancies would cost around £400 million a year for three years, which would take some years to recoup. "Should numbers be increased again in that period, those responsible will be open to the accusa-

The report also questions whether the decisions taken in 1990 to halve the submarine fleet, the Royal Armoured Corps and the Tomado bomber force still look plausible. "The time has now come to stand back and take stock of the totality of the proposals for British armed forces for the next decade, in the light of recent changes in the strategic environment, and of pressures

on the defence budget." The MPs were appalled that a situation had been allowed to develop in which there were insufficient spares for major equipment as a result of Treasury pressures "and also apparently because of a belief that they would never be required to fight".

House of Commons defence committee 1st report: Statement on the defence estimates 1992 (Stationery Office) £23.50.

Peers fail to halt privatisation bill

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY

THE government comfortably fought off an attempt by Opposition peers yesterday to shelve a bill paving the way for coal and rail privatisation. Labour and Liberal Democrat peers were angered by the government's determination to press ahead with legislation affecting the coal in-dustry before completion of the pit closure review announced in October.

The bill was withdrawn by the government in October in the wake of controdependent enquiry. Peers argued yesterday that nothintroduce the bill, which allows British Rail and

ard, Labour's new leader in

the Lords, was defeated by

165 votes to 106, a govern-ment majority of 59. Lord

versy over plans to shut 3] coal pits, 21 of which were later made the subject of a moratorium pending an ining had changed, and that it would be premature to re-British Coal to call in outside advisers to help plan towards privatisation. The motion to delay the British Coal and British Rail (transfer proposals) bill, moved by Lord Rich-

Richard said that the Lords had voted in October not to proceed with the bill until there had been a full and open coal industry review. "I find it quite astonishing that this bill is back again in front of the House." He had three basic objections. The bill was now being considered on the same basis as in October, it was impossible to argue that it had nothing to do with the closure programme, and to proceed would go against the specific resolution of the Lords.

Lord Richard was assured by Lord Wakeham, for the government, that the bill for actual privatisa-tion would not come before Parliament before the coal industry review was complete. Lord Jenkins of Hillhead, the Liberal Democrat leader in the Lords, said that "the least esteemed government within living memory" should be trying to win friends rather than alienate everybody.

Later, an attempt by Lord Ezra, the former Coal Board chairman, to omit British Coal from the bill, was defeated by 51 votes.

Move to boost pensions

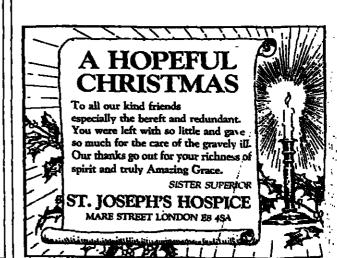
By ROBERT MORGAN, POLITICAL STAFF

IN AN attempt to discourage people from giving up person-al pensions, an additional ! per cent National Insurance contribution rebate for those aged 30 and over is to be introduced next April.

Moving the second reading of the social security bill. Peter Lilley, the social security secretary, told the Commons that, despite Labour predictions, personal pensions had become popular and nearly five million people had taken them up since they started in 1988. They were particuarly attractive to younger people. Over the same period more people had joined vocational

pension funds. Unlike the state-run Serps, private pensions raised money which could be invested in industry. The bill provides for several billion pounds to be transferred from the consolidated fund to the national insurance fund to make up the shortfall. The grant would allow for greater flexibility in operating the fund, Mr Lilley said.

Donald Dewar, the shadow social security secretary, said that the subvention was a monument to the failure of government economic policy over the past three years. It showed how deep the recession had been.



Moscow rivals claim victory in verdict on Communist party

From Bruce Clark in moscow

RUSSIA'S Constitutional partial reversal of President Yeltsin's ban on the Communist Party, in a compromise verdict that enabled both sides to claim victory in a politically charged trial that lasted five

The court vindicated Mr Yeltsin's decision to dissolve the party leadership, taken last autumn in the aftermath of a failed coup, but upheld the organisations to exist.
In a decision that could

open the way for hundreds more acrimonious court cases, Russia's highest judicial body also ruled that the mass confiscation by the government of Communist-owned property had not in all cases been justified.

After hearing scores of learned views on the party's role in implementing Stalinist terror, directing the activities of the KGB at home and abroad and exporting revolu-tion, the court shied away

China puts contracts pressure on **Hong Kong**

By James Pringle IN HONG KONG AND MICHAEL BINYON

PEKING yesterday tried to turn Hong Kong's nervous business community against Chris Patten, the governor, and his efforts to expand democracy in the territory before its handover to China

In what is seen as the most serious warning by China in the row with Britain, Peking issued a strongly worded statement saying it would not honour any contracts, leases or agreements signed in Hong Kong before 1997 without China's approval. The move will have particular impact on the Hong Kong airport project. It demolishes the last vestiges of confidence in the Sino-British memorandum of understanding signed by John Major in Peking last year. The Hong Kong govern-

ment issued a statement last night implying that China's threats contravened its Basic Law, Peking's constitution for the terpitory after 1997. According to the Basic Law, the statement said, Hong Kong's existing laws - including that of contract - would continue to be valid after 1997, unless they contravened the Basic

Law as such.

The scalation in the dispute brought a fall of 176 points in the Hang Seng index, and spread anxiety in the colony's business community. which has been shying away from Mr Patten's bold proposals after watching the negative reaction of China. Howard Gorgious, managing director of South China brokerage, remarked: "People may think the givernor is getting in a position now where he might have b start changing tack. It is vely clear the business community as a whole is not

behind him. Selita Chow, a legislative counci member, said the Chinese statement "reflects a further hardening of the position on the part of Peking and would be a blow to investors' confidence in Hong Kong Martin Lee, who leads the predemocracy group in the coulcil, spoke of another attempt on the part of the Chinese government to fight

the people of Hong Kong". People in Hong Kong are well aware that China is in a position to throttle the economy. "The Chinese are saying to the lusiness community that they might be wasting their motey if they go into long-term investments without clearing it first with Peking, on diplomat said.

The Freign Office yesterday called in the Chinese ambassador o complain about what it talled "inaccurate" what it taled inaccurate Chinese stitements on a proposed shipping terminal, and refuted Clinese claims that Britain had failed to consult Peking over the land grant. Alastair Goddlad, Foreign Office winter for Asian affaire fice ministe for Asian affairs, told Ma Yizhen that Britain was surprised and concerned by the Chinise comments. He said the terminal land grant had been discussed in March at a meeting of the Sino-British Laid Commission. and the Chinese side had made no objection.

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from passing an overall verdict on the movement's history. It rejected a plea by Mr Yeltsin's lawyers last summer for a ruling that the Soviet Communist Party and its Russian Federation branch were

Pointedly turning down the opportunity to pass global judgment on the legacy of the Bolshevik Revolution, the 13man court used the technical argument that the Soviet communisi movement had ceased to exist already, while its Russian section had never been property registered.

'unconstitutional" bodies.

Gennadi Burbulis, a senior adviser to the president on political strategy, hailed a "favourable and satisfying" set of decisions which upheld the reformist camp's view that the communists had no right to usurp government.

He said the ruling meant the party could only reform itself along new lines as long as it obeyed existing Russian legislation. He argued that the only communist organisations which would now become legal were "neighbourhood" cells, traditionally dominated by old-age pensioners and much weaker than the branches established in factories, ministries and other work places.

However, Yevgeni Krasnit-sky, one of the leaders of the communist movement in St Petersburg, called the verdict a striking success for his side. "Russia's ton judicial body has virtually re ubilitated the par-

ty," he said.

Mr Krasnitsky predicted that a "refunding Congress" would be held in February, grouping supporters of the half-dozen socialist groups which have laid claim to the legacy of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union. He also forecast another 18

months litigation in which the movement would try to claw back some of the billions of roubles in property - including hotels, printing presses and luxury sanitoriums -

which it has forfeited. Mr Krasnitsky, a member of the Communist party's central committee until it was disbanded after disgracing itself during the August 1991 pursch, called the verdict "a defeat for those who wanted to turn the trial into another Nuremburg". This was a rejoinder to Yeltsin supporters like Mr Burbulis, who had compared the proceedings with the postwar trials of prominent Nazis.

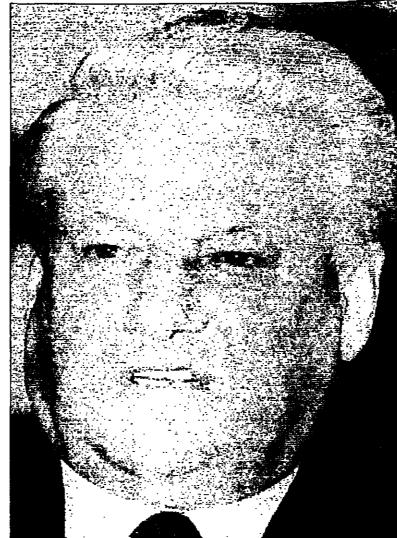
In its effect on the balance of political power in Russia, it was expected to prolong the uneasy stalemate between President Yeltsin's reformist administration and the old-guard politicians who dominate the supreme legislature.

An unequivocally pro-Yeltsin verdict would have cleared the way for him to clamp down firmly on the hardline forces, including communists, who are bent on overthrowing him; while a legal victory for the communists would have encouraged them to attempt an early

Hence Nikolai Ryzhkov, the former Soviet prime minister. spoke for many observers when he said that the decision would have a "calming" effect on the country. However, it remains possible that the ambiguity of yesterday's pronouncements will provide the setting for some fierce legal and political storms in the months ahead.

Mr Yeltsin faces a possible bid by hardliners, some of them former communists, to strip him of the extra powers he has used to help dismande the old communist state

Andrei Nechayev, the eco-nomics minister, said he could not rule out the possibility that the entire government would offer to stand down to give Mr Yeltsin freedom to manoeuvre at the Congress. But Valeri Kuptsov, leader of the Russian Communist Party, said after the court hearing: "From now on the party has the right to go on with its activities. The decision in fact confirms the legality of the party and its ideology." He said Congress now had the right to raise the question of impeachment. Together with a number of other anti-constitutional decisions by the president this gives good grounds for such a





Grim and grin: Boris Yeltsin, reacts sourly to his partial court win yesterday while Yegor Ligachev, former politburo member, hails a triumph

Yeltsin outwits rivals to keep reforms on track

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

Dresident Yeltsin today faces the Congress of People's Deputies emboldened by the success of a carefully balanced campaign of attack and appeasement that seems likely to have saved him and Yegor Gaidar, his acting prime minister, from too serious a savaging by those who oppose their reform programme.

All of the pact-making and horse-trading have led to the single goal of getting an economically stricken government through the Congress kangaroo court with minimum damage. The signs are that Mr Yeltsin has reached a deal with the main opposition, the industry-led Civic Union, by promising to allow managers a greater say in the reform process, by issuing vague promises of "targeted investment" and by insisting that reform in the Western-

backed mould adopted by Mr Gaidar is irreversible. In return Civic Union has agreed not to join forces with extremists of the right and left who want to use the Congress. Russia's highest legislature, to bring down the government and challenge Mr Yeltsin himself. The exact price of the deal has not been revealed, but Mr Yeltsin has ceded some points of principle and may have made himself hos-

tage to unrevealed promises about state investment for industry and for limiting closures. But Civic Union is already claiming that he has broken his word on allowing industry to influence the "anti-crisis programme". The challengers appear for now to have lost ground. Civic Union's leaders made a tactical error by bartering over personnel rather than poli-

cies, so allowing Mr Yeltsin

simply to sack or move the odd minister or aide whenever danger came too close. sides of his nature.

If Congress should still prove troublesome, Mr Yeltsin can simply throw more ministers and aides to the Civic Union wolves. Perhaps the next to go will be Pyotr Aven, the foreign trade minister, since he intends to sack him anyway, when he can get round to it. Also in line to go is Andrei Nechayev, the economics minister, or even Andrei Kozyrev, the foreign minister. Mr Yeltsin has criticised all three in the run up to the Congress so that getting rid of them, if it proves necessary, will appear to be no

great loss to the government. One of the Russian leader's greatest gifts is to be able to manipulate events, so that even when he is doing the bidding of his rivals his hand never seems to have been

forced. Another is his ability to switch at will between the authoritarian and democratic

It was the authoritarian Yeltsin who last week sacked a television chief to appease the North Ossetians. Yesterday, in a well-timed return to his democratic self, he told editors of the more important newspapers that he would "neither tame nor pocket" the

S et piece events like the Congress tend to plunge Russian politicians back into yesteryear's language of woolly moralism. Moscow intellectuals at the weekend, for instance, sped Mr Yeltsin on his way to victory by encouraging him to spread "social happiness, peace and love to all Russian peoples". The twice-yearly sitting of the Congress, a sort of "super

parliament" charged with validating reforms, has an overhang of former Communist apparatchiks and strong re-gional representation that make it a forum for obstruction.

Mr Yeltsin would like to abolish it but needs a new constitution to do so — and work on the overhaul of the 1978 Soviet version has been held up by the running quar-rel on allocation of presidential and parliamentary powers. If Mr Yeltsin manages to achieve a strong mandate for speeding up constitutional change, he will hope to make this session its last with a virtuoso performance worthy of a great political practitioner, persuading a vestige of Commu mist rule tó abolish itself. This is the sixth article p viewing today's meeting of the

Ukraine struggles to cope a year after independence

FROM ROBERT SEELY IN KIEV

almost bare, especially outside

AT a Kiev market place, a pensioner begs for chicken entrails disregarded by wealthier compatriots. Papers run pictures of vans being pulled by horses, so chronic

have petrol supplies become. One year today after the country's referendum on independence, Ukraine is paying a high price for its freedom. The "Whatever happens we will always be richer than Russia" sounds ragged in a country that has ignored the form at the expense of some illdefined notion of state building. The result, so far, has been a DIY nation built

without direction. With the West more concerned about Yugoslavia, Russia and Maastricht, Ukraine might again lay claim to its sad title as Europe's forgotten state. This time Europe ignores it at its peril. In the past year it has moved towards becoming a nuclear-armed state. Economically, when it should be setting itself up as East Europe's powerhouse, it

is struggling with reform. The economic turmoil may yet propel Ukraine to possess nuclear weapons. "The worse the economic crisis, the more some people will demand that Ukraine should be a nuclear state," Volodymyr Grinev, the

deputy chairman of Ukraine's parliament, said. The shops, notoriously empty in Soviet days are still

Kiev. Shelves carry the sad offerings of Ukraine's industry: badly made toys and clothes that nobody wants. Apart from the blue and vellow Ukrainian flags that now adorn buildings, criminal gangs are the most obvious sign of change. Thugs hang around street corners and the airport, openly contemptuous of the police who are underpaid. The gangs exist alongside an ambiguous mercantile

class that shows little respect



Kravchuk: able to unite opponents

to, and receives little respect from, the majority of the population for whom the term mafia covers anything from a

After a year of corruption and inactivity, reform is in the air. Leonid Kuchma, the former director of the largest mcket factory in Europe, has taken on the equally explosive job as Ukraine's new prime minister. Market economics, backed by the sort of agricultural reforms that could make the Ukraine East Europe's breadbasket instead of its basket case, are promised. Interest rates have been raised and few state monopolies have been out to size.

crook to a shopkeeper.

The one thing Ukrainians can count on is unity, unlike Russia's politicians. Fear keeps the government and all but the strongest opponents of President Kravchuk in the same political red. Despite the hardship, barring war or other disasters Ukraine should thrive. The land is rich and the population is more industri-ous and sober than their Russian rivals.

When stability and prosperin finally arrive the result could be the making of a Germany in the east. That is reason to take interest, and to

Economy turns to boost Clinton

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Bush's longpromised economic recovery may have finally arrived, too late to save his job but in time to give Bill Clinton's incoming administration an unexpected

The president-elect returned to Little Rock from California yesterday after a four-day Thanksgiving holiday, during which Americans began to spend freely again. On the first official shopping days of Christmas, retail sales rose between 5 and 8 per cent over last year. Cinemas took a record \$130 million (£86 million) over the holiday weekend, the new releases Home Alone2 and Aladdin account-

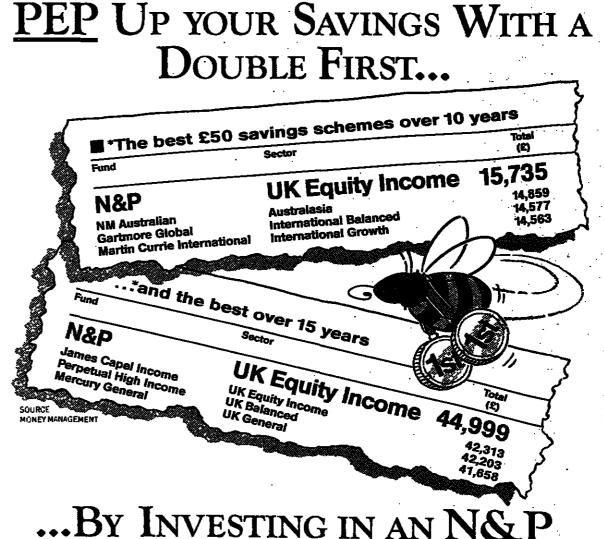
ures last week showed that the She said the growth figures economy grew by 3.9 per cent during the third quarter, and that consumer confidence, home sales and durable goods orders all picked up and unemployment edged down.

A genuine recovery would enable Mr Clinton to scale back an immediate spending package to stimulate the economy that threatens to increase the national deficit next year by \$20-\$10 billion. Mr Clinton said the improved growth rate "could have some impact" on his plans, but gave a warning against over-dependence on a single set of figures. "I hate to say it, but we told

you so," said Barbara Frank-lin, the commerce secretary.

proved Mr Bush's campaign contention that recovery was just around the comer.

Thanksgiving was supposed to have been Mr Clinton's first real break since the election. but the president-elect did not hide himself away in the \$8 million beachfront estate near Santa Barbara loaned to him. Still in effect campaigning, he made a courtesy call on Ronald Reagan in Los Angeles and went on a walkahout in a shopping centre. He jogged up a public beach and joined in a game of volleyball. He also went to a party, hosted a barbecue went riding with his daughter, Chelsea, and played



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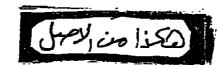
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Neo-Nazi to be charged over Turkish arson deaths

FROM JOHN HOLLAND IN BERLIN

THE German state prosecutor's office is to charge a 19year-old right-wing extremist where an arson attack last Monday took the lives of three Turkish immigrants. Prosecutors say the man, identified only as Lars C., was placed in preliminary custody at the weekend while charges were

A witness to last week's two fires in Mölln provided police with the suspect's name. Lars C., according to police, was active in a neo-Nazi group run by Michael Peters, who was held briefly last week in connection with the fire but later

Police also arrested five men vesterday in connection with the attempted firebombing on Sunday of a refugee home in the town of Winsen, south of Hamburg. Police say one of the men has already confessed

to taking part. The other suspects were older than the average skinhead, their ages ranging from early 20s to mid 30s. All five were to be charged with attempted murder. The Romamian family escaped injury and the father was able to extinguish the blaze.

The spate of arrests came as Sabine Leutheusser-Schnarrenberger, the justice minister. planned to broaden the powers of Alexander von Stahl, the German state prosecutor, to handle cases of right wing extremism. Formerly, Herr von Stahl and his predecesors had dealt with cases of terrorism against the state such as that committed by the Red Army Faction in the 1970s. A number of commentators say German officials have reached the conclusion, albeit belatedly, that the attacks on refugees and asylum seekers, and now against permanent residents such as Turks, could qualify as acts of terrorism.

Abraham Melzer, 47, an independent Jewish publisher living near Frankfurt, addressed the growing fear and saving that Jews were consid ering arming themselves

The suggestion had been made publicly last week by Ralph Giordano, a German Jewish writer. "I spoke to a number of people in the Jewish communities in Frankfurt and in Cologne and all of them are afraid. It starts with a general feeling of the political situation and ends with real fear of one's own life."

German Jews are buying guns and fire extinguishers, he said. "We read everyday of new asylum homes being attacked and we don't want to be burned to the ground."

He suggested that many Jews were beginning to think of going to Israel and that 36 families had already left in the past month.

"These are the fruits of Bitburg," he said, referring to the meeting of Helut Kohl, the chancellor, and former President Reagan at the SS ceme-tery in 1987. They thought that if they were blind in their right eye that they would win over the right-wing vote. Now the right belives that it can act with impunity because the state is doing nothing.

"It's not a panic yet but could become a panic in a day or a night. It's a dangerous situation because the government is not taking it seriously, only discussing it. When the first Jew is killed then you will have the panic."

At a ceremony marking the 40th anniversary at the me-morial in Bergen-Belsen, the head of Germany's small Jewish community warned about forgetting the horrors of the past and accepting current violence as normal. "We risk getting used to violence, as if it belonged to our daily lives," Ignatz Bubis told the crowd of about 600 assembled for the

Rita Suessmuth, president of Bonn's parliament, agreed that it would be wrong to underestimate the wave of racist violence. "Whoever thinks this is just done by a few violent hooligans is mistakFive passengers die as Dutch express train goes off rails



survivor from the wrecked carriage of a train that left the rails yesterday near Hoofddorp, southwest of Amsterdam. Five people were killed and 33 injured, six seriously, when the engine and front carriage of the Amsterdam-Flushing train careered off the track at about 7.15am, spun 180 degrees, and smashed into trees and an office building close by. The

remaining carriages slid forward and then shunted together like a concertina (Mark Fuller writes). Four of the seven carriages were derailed. Witnesses said passengers were catapulted through carriage windows, some of them landing under the wheels of the train. Injured people were stumbling in the mud, screaming for help. Rescue workers said wreckage and bodies were scattered over a

wide area by the force of the crash. Many people were trapped in the tangled metal of the locomotive. The train kept increasing its speed and then it felt as if it were suddenly blocked. It slid forward and then everything was quiet. It all happened in a second," Mr paper. Difficult access to the scene, bordered by a ditch and E. Kruithof, a passenger, told a Dutch newsHoofdorn, about six miles from Amsterday impeded emergency workers. One report said it took 45 minutes for the first ambulance to arrive. Many of the injured were taken to hospital by helicopter. Yesterday's derailment follows a similar incident near the same site on Saturday, when an Amsterdam-Paris intercity slid off the track, but then there were no

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Call for greater

Geneva: Spending on Aids

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to \$2.5 billion (£1.65 billion) a

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In a message marking

World Aids Day today, the

isation said yesterday.

Aids spending

monitors to Iraq.

Gulf war. (AP)

Paris and Bonn calm Nato fears

From George Brock in Brussels

IN A move intended to calm British and American fears that France and Germany are setting up a military alliance to rival Nato, Paris and Bonn last night accepted that their joint "Eurocorps" could fight under Nato commanders.

The compromise, outlined in a brief three-page memorandum delivered to Nato ambassadors here, should defuse a row between European governments which has simterrand of France and Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, announced plans for a 35,000-strong joint army corps earlier this year. Other Nato governments, led by Britain and America, feared the two had signed secret agreements that would deprive Nato of German troops in an emergency.
Yesterday's offer from the

two governments makes clear that the availability of Ger-

unchanged. It also allows for French soldiers to fight with Nato or to take part in its peacekeeping or humanitarian missions. Unlike Germany, France is not part of the military structure of Nato.

Yesterday's memorandum marks an important shift in France's attitude to the 16nation Nato alliance. Until very recently French ministers and officials had actively campaigned to shrink Nato's post-

UK ready

for tough

EC summit

By MICHAEL BINYON

BRITAIN'S European Community partners should not write off the Edinburgh

summit as a failure in ad-

vance, and they should not be

taken in by "bogus public belligerence" designed to im-

prove bargaining positions, Douglas Hurd, the foreign

But Mr Hurd also warned

other countries that Britain

would not abandon the British

rebate simply because it came

up for discussion during the

British presidency. The gov-

ernment would veto any at-

tempt to cut back the amount

that is repaid to Britain. He said the past five months

ing business.

Press Association.

secretary, said yesterday.

Atrocities blamed on Bosnian Serbs

THE United Nations Human Rights Commission, meeting for only the second time ever, was poised yesterday to blame Bosnian Serbs as primarily responsible for atrocities in

investigator, Tadeusz Mazowiecki, endorsed a draft resolution by Turkey and America Serbs for the tragedy in Bosnia. Declaring that the Mus-lims were "virtually threatened by extermination", the draft called on the world community to decide whether genocide had not already occurred. It expressed deep concern at the "continuing grave, massive and systematic violation of human rights" in parts of Bosnia under Serbian control. It condemned "ethnic

leaders in Serbia for this 'reprehensible practice".

who helped prepare the brief

had been among the most tur-bulent in the Community's history. The need for action was urgent, but picking a way forward was a slow, painstak-In several areas, he said, the Community was approaching the end game "National interests are at stake: elections are in the offing; politicians succumb to the cutting phrase," he told the Foreign

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By Michael Binyon, diplomatic editor

Bosnia-Herzegovina.
The commission's principal

deansing", blaming the Bos-nian Serb leadership, the Yugoslav army and the political

Turkey, which has called for UN intervention to protect the Muslims, said the question inside former Yugoslavia was whether the Muslim popula-tion would survive. Elsewhere, it was whether the world, in the aftermath of this tragedy, would be "worth living in for the rest of us". Morris Abraham, the American delegate

Mazowiecki: endorsed

during the Nuremberg war crimes trials, said the world should not only aid the living but "exact justice for the dead". The commission is likely to endorse the draft resolution today, but it has no power to translate its findings nto action in the UN.

Muslim nations meeting in

Jedda today are to express protect their co-religionists in Bosnia, urging prompt out-side intervention. Saudi Arabia said yesterday it was willing to commit troops to a multinational force to end the fighting, as foreign ministers the Organisation of the Islamic Conference endorsed calls for more aid to the Bosnian Muslims who have lost land and belongings. Other representatives gathering in Jedda also indicated they were ready to take part in a military effort. The conference is likely to see Islamic nations pledging a large increase in funds to allow Bosnian Muslims to buy

Suleyman Demirel, the Turkish prime minister, said in London last week that Turkey was ready to send troops to Bosnia. Radical countries such as fran have been outspoken in denouncing what they see as Western connivance with the Serbs in crushing the Muslims.

Haris Silajdzic, the Bosnian foreign minister, is in Jedda and said on Sunday that lifting the arms embargo against Bosnia was an urgent matter. Lord Owen and Cyrus Vance, the international negotiators, will also be at Jedda. ☐ Belgrade: Milan Panic, the Yugoslav prime minister, is to challenge Slobodan Milo-sevic, the Serbian leader, for

the presidency of Serbia in December's election. His decision prompted the disintegra-tion of his government. Three ministers closely linked to Mr Milosevic have resigned or been fired by Mr Panic and

WHO said that by 2000 developing countries would account for 80 per cent of cases and there would be ten million Aids orphans. (AFP) Guard killed Madrid: A civil gurd was killed and another was in-

jured, together with two civilians, when a car homb exploded outside a block of flats occupied by families of members of the security firces in a Madrid suburb.

Namibia votes

Windhoek: Voting legan yes-terday in Namibias first regional and local eletions since independence ij March 1990. More than lalf a million people, 77 percent of the eligible population registered to take part. (AFP)

Killer jailed

Trenton, New Jesey. Arthur Seale, who admired kidnapping and killing Sidney Rezo, an Extra oil company execu-tive, has received I maximum federal sentence d 95 years in prison with no chance of parole. (AP)

Penalty daws

Tokyo: Etsuo Mieda, a Japanese fireman who put a dead cat in the desk of hated boss, lost his appeal gainst a suspended jail tern for forcible obstruction of justiness. He also filled his boss's pocket with dog droppings (Reuter)

Easy raider

Dan: French plice arrested a former convict/aged 60, who allegely held up a post office in Buglose last veek and stole 47,000 frames \$5,600) to bug himself a car so that he would no longer have to make his getaways by blycle. (AFP)

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Britain proposed as role model

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

AS FRANCE waited for President Mitterrand's proposals to overhaul the constitution, Michel Noir, mayor of Lyons and a conservative minister in the mid-1980s, called for the system of government to be replaced with a version modelled on that of Britain.

M Noir, a maverick who

broke with the neo-Gaullist RPR thinks the parliamentary form of government is the best antidote to the way the presidency has become a near monarchical institution, unaccountable to an ineffectual parliament. M Noir would also like to see an end to the French practice of simultaneous office-holding, under which many ministers or parliamentarians are also mayors

and regional councillors. This is one element in the sensitivity to the mood of farmers. Other politicians are suggesting something along the lines of the American system, with an independent legisla-ture and judiciary. Opinion

polls find the only reform clearly favoured by the public is a reduction of the seven-year presidential term to two years.
The president's scheme is expected to be far short of radical. He says he wants to strengthen the role of the National Assembly, drawing on the best of the Fourth Republic and the Fifth". The postwar Fourth Republic had weak, indirectly elected presidents and fell victim to parliamentary paralysis.

Along with the centrist roups, the Gaullists are hoping to dominate the parliament in elections next March and form a government. Unless the president choses to leave office, this will amount to a two-year repeat of the un-comfortable "cohabition" gov-

ernment from 1986-8. The opposition scents another of the president's machiavellian ploys. The RPR's spokeswoman yesterday called the constitutional reform "a diversionary manoeuvre". A consensus of politicians and experts, however, agree that the Fifth Republic has evolved into an unwieldy and undemocratic institution which has handed too much power to one man for too long.

Iranian navy chief confirms purchase of Russian subs

By Michael Evans, defence correspondent

was reported to be interested

in buying five submarines

from France but the deal never

Iran's first submarine, which Admiral Mohtaj said

would have a 52-man crew,

joined the Iranian fleet in the

southern Gulf earlier this

month after a voyage from Russia. The boat is believed to

be based at the port of

Chahbahar, outside the Strait

of Hormuz, giving it access to

the deeper waters of the Gulf of Oman. If Tehran were to

use it for hostile action in the

busy waterway, it would be

highly vulnerable to attack

Admiral Mohtaj gave the

cost of the submarines as \$450

million (£295 million) each.

He said the boat already in

service had been renamed

Taregh 901 and had "ad-

vanced facilities and weapons

for naval war". Quoted in the

the admiral defended what he

called Iran's natural and legal

right to bolster its military

defences, and criticised West-

ern interest in Iran's purchase

of submarines. "It is surpris-

ing that they are raising such a

ballyhoo over a single subma-

He added that Iran's mili-

tary expenditure was far less

than that of its pro-Western

Arab neighbours in the Gulf

Co-operation Council, whose

states had signed arms deals

worth \$200 billion over the

past ten years. This compared

with Iran's military spending

over the past five years of "\$8

billion", including running

costs, he said.

once it returned to base.

went through.

IRAN has bought three dieselpowered Kilo class subma-rines from Russia, Rear Admiral Abbas Mohtaj, the country's navy commander, confirmed yesterday. But he gave no hint of when the boats would all be in service. One submarine has been delivered alreadyand is based outside

Yesterday's confirmation from Admiral Mohtaj comes as concern grows in the West about the build-up of arms in Iran. The arrival of the first Russian submarine for the Iranian Navy raised fears about the potential threat they posed to international shipping in the Gulf.

Iran is the first country in the region to possess a subma-rine, although Admiral Moh-taj claimed that Saudi Arabia had had a submarine since 1988 and now had two in service. He claimed also that Kuwait had ordered a submarine from the West.

In fact, Saudi Arabia does not have full-size submarines in service but is believed to have two 225-ton midget craft that it bought from South Korea in 1989. Midget submarines are highly specialised and can be used for sabotage, laying mines and carrying

Captain Richard Sharpe, editor of Janes' Fighting Ships, said the Saudis were known to be interested in acquiring submarines but none had been bought from the West. Saudi personnel had, however, received training in France and Pakistan. Two years ago, Saudi Arabia

Israel seeks to end ban on PLO link

FROM RICHARD BEESTON

ISRAEL will take the first practical steps this week to opening contacts with the outlawed Palestine Liberation Organisation when the gov-ernment presents a bill before the Knesset abolishing the ban on meetings with PLO

In one of the most significant acts of legislation since the Labour-led coalition came to power five months ago, David Libai, the justice minister, is due to present the bill before the Israeli parliament today for a first reading. There is no country in the world which punishes meetings with the enemy by imprisonment when the person making the contact has a reasonable explanation for his action, did not damage and had no intention of damaging

state security," Mr Libai said. The ban, imposed by the right-wing Likud government in 1986 further to isolate the exiled Palestinian leadership. led to embarrassing episodes such as the jailing of Abie Nathan, an Israeli peace activist. More recently the law was flouted by left-wing MPs and Palestinian leaders from the occupied territories who held public meetings with Yassir

Arafat, the PLO chairman. The decision to lift the banning order is expected to create fresh problems for Yitzhak Rabin, the prime minister, who insists that the PLO remains a "terrorist" organisation and should continue to be excluded from the Middle East peace talks, where the Palestinians are represented by leaders from the occupied territories in a joint delegation

with Jordan. Not only will the govern-ment face right-wing criticism for being "soft on terrorism". but Mr Rabin, who tried to delay the lifting of the banning order, also fears that it could send the wrong signal to Washington, which is reconsidering its ban on contacts sidering its ban on contacts with the Palestinian leaderwith the ratestinian leader-ship in Tunis. There is also concern that if the new Clin-ton administration believes that Israel is softening its position on Mr Arafat, it might reconsider his exclusion from the peace process, one reason that the talks have remained stalemated for more

than a year.

There has been pressure from Arab states, Palestinian negotitators and during the recent visit of President Mitterrand of France for Israel to accept the PLO as a negotiating partner, and to rehabilitate Mr Arafat as the only leader capable of speaking on

Suu Kyi risks life in struggle with Burmese junta



Defiant stand: after more than three years in detention, Suu Kyi's state of health was described yesterday as critical by her husband

By DAVID WATTS, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

A YEAR after she was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize Aung San Sun Kyi is preparing to fast to death to force the Burmese military regime to relent on its decision to detain

Describing her situation as very critical", her husband, Dr Michael Aris, said: "I am now very concerned that soon she will have no means at all of sustaining life." He believed that she was now effectively on a hunger strike to protest against her illegal detention since July 1989 and the refusal of the junta to recognise the overwhelming victory of her National League for Democracy in the May 1990 elections in which the league had won 82 per

She has always been ready to negotiate with the military rulers but the authorities have always refused her entreaties to enter into a dialogue. The only substantive response has been to retroactively extend her detention under a 1975 law to protect the state "from destructive and disruptive

"Suu Kyi is doing what she believes is right. I stand by her; I support her in her decision; I completely understand it. I believe I'm doing right in revealing to the world what I know of her condition.
The alternative of doing nothing is unthinkable," Dr Aris told a press conference at Daw Sun Kyi's Oxford college, St Hugh's, of which she is an honorary fellow.

Dr Aris was speaking directly to the press for the first has always been careful not to antagonise the Burmese au-thorities, knowing full well that it might rebound on Daw Suu Kyi who remains a

Cut off from human contact for the three and a half years she has been under arrest at her family residence — except for a rare visit from her husband and children — she has virtually run out of money and food. In an extraordinary Chandian gesture of defiance she has sent a message through the military govern-ment to her husband, advising him not to visit her this month with their two sons because she has insufficient money to receive them. Dr Aris said she had donat-

ed the \$1 million (£660,000) she won with the Nobel prize to the health and education of the Burmese people through a trust". "The meagre personal funds she has used to maintain herself while her solitary detention continues are now almost exhausted." he added. Refusing food or monetary

help even from her own family she has resolutely stood her ground against the government with only a radio and a broken and out-of-tune piano for company. The issue now is not access to my wife, it's her health and her life," Dr Aris said yesterday. Expressing thanks to the Burmese government for the past opportunities to visit his wife, he said: "I know how resolved she is in this. This is a decision she has not taken

lightly . . . and she will take it through. No-one outside of Rangoon

health, which has been steadily deteriorating since her de-tention. She refuses to accept anything, even medical treat-ment, which can be construed as a favour from the regime, on the ground that any such assistance merely serves to

help prolong her detention. She knew that her husband, a fellow of St Antony's College, Oxford, and sons Alexander and Kim would come laden with food when they arrived in Rangoon this ning to take Norwegian dried fish, Bhutanese dried yak and a copy of the Encyclopedia Britannica to the rundown, family house from which she has not moved, so far as anyone knows, since her detention.

The next action regarding Daw Sun Kyl's health will come on Friday when the United Nations Third Committee will consider a motion sponsored by Sweden de-manding that the Burmese government free her from detention and permit access to her. That proposal will quickly be followed up next weekend when Professor Kozo Yokota arrives in Rangoon on behalf of the United Nations Human Rights Commission. On his last visit, Prof Yokota sought but was re-

The daughter of Aung San, the founding father of Bur-ma, Daw Sun Kyi came to international prominence when, campaigning for her league, she crisscrossed the country making speeches

White fears grow after club attack

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

A WEEKEND attack on a The Taregh 901 was delivered to Iran by a Russian crew. golf club function in the little white Eastern Cape municinow believed to have returned home. Capt Sharpe said the pality of King William's Town in which four people died has important question was whether there were Russian mercenaries helping the Iranians. Although Iranian sailors received training at a increased the fears of white South Africans that they are about to become targets of black terrorism. Russian naval base in Latvia,

Whites have not usually been victims of political killing full-time operation of a sophisticated submarine required here. Most white deaths, apart experienced handling, he from incidents such as the bombing of Magoo's Bar in The export version of the Durban by Robert McBride in Kilo class boats is equipped 1985, have been as a result of with up to 18 torpedoes or 24 robbery attempts made on

mines. The other two submaisolated farmhouses. The King William's Town rines which are on order from the Russians are not expected attack, in which a grenade was thrown into a party followed by a hail of bullets from to be in service with the Iranian Navy for several years. ☐ Prospects improve: The automatic assault rifles, has four-nation European Fighter been daimed by an anonymous caller as the work of the Aircraft programme now had an excellent chance of going Azanian People's Liberation Army, the armed wing of the ahead as planned, Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary, Pan Africanist Congress. The caller claimed to be a member There will be talks on the of the organisation. The security forces say that they were

future progress of the £20 coming to the same conclubillion project in Brussels next week between defence ministers and chiefs of staff from Britain, Germany, Italy and Spain. Germany had threat-ened to withdraw from the production phase. Speaking after visiting the British Aerospace factory at Warton in Lancashire, one of the principal plants building EFA, Mr Rifkind said: "Our

excellent probability project will be going ahead."

Recent studies have found ways of trimming the cost of the aircraft by as much as 30

discussions with the German.

Spanish and Italian govern-

ments now suggest there is an

sion, as a number of unexploded petrol bombs thrown into the party were similar to those used previously by the

PAC's armed wing.
Fear of these political armies has been fuelled in the past two days by the disclosure that the African National Congress is still sending its cadres abroad for military training. eventually to join their armed wing, Umkhonto we Sizwe. The programme, under which 340 young men have been sent for basic training in Uganda and others to India for officer training, has been defended by Nelson Mandela. the ANC president, and Cyril Ramaphosa, the ANC secretary general Mr Mandela said the government knew of the continued need for training, since the movement needed a trained and disciplined army to defend the political gains that have been made.

Other observers have condemned the move. Political rivals of the ANC, such as the Inkatha Freedom Party and the PAC, would now be able to justify the training of cadres on similar grounds, said Peter Gastrow, the law and order spokesman of the Democratic Party. "Private armies at this stage ought to be disbanded. rather than expanded and incorporated into a restructured defence force," he said. Mistaken identity: A farmer shot and killed his 16-yearold daughter in their home at Hartebeespoortdam, northwest of Johannesburg, when he apparently mistook her for an intruder, police said. The man was due to appear in court yesterday to face possible

murder charges. (AP)

UN chief wants troops to stop Somali clans

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK AND MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

BOUTROS Boutros Ghali, the United Nations secretarygeneral, yesterday asked the security council to launch an unprecedented military operation to save the starving in Somalia. He said that intervention by a multinational force was now the only way to stop armed bands disrupting aid supplies to the famine-

stricken nation. "There is now no alternative but to resort to Chapter VII of the Charter," he wrote to the council. But he left open the question of who would com-

security council itself to decide if it would accept a US offer of up to 30,000 troops, provided Washington remained in command of them.

"If forceful action is taken, it should preferably be under UN command and control," Mr Boutros Ghali wrote. "If this is not feasible, an alternative would be an operation undertaken by member states acting with the authorisation of the security council."

The planned Somalia operation would violate the traditional UN taboo against

absence of any threat to international peace. But Mr Boutros Ghali proposed that: in the absence of any organised government in Somalia, the security council could simply declare that the famine threatened peace in the region and deploy troops under the "enforcement provi-

sions" of the UN Charter. In Washington, Bush offici-als are privately saying that the UN may ultimately be forced to run Somalia itself until elections can be organised and mand the force, allowing the intervention in the internal a viable government estab-

affairs of member states in the lished. An American-led military operation could restore food supplies with little difficulty, but a much greater UN effort would then be required to end the anarchy.

> The Bush administration has offered up to 30,000 US troops to ensure humanitarian deliveries in Somalia, and most planners believe that task could be completed within a matter of weeks if approved by the security council. US troops would then hand over to UN

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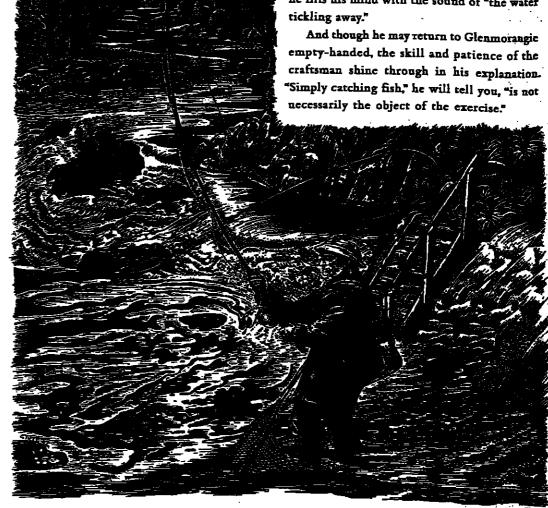
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the river on a Friday afternoon. Here, by the rushy reaches of the Carron, he pits his wits against the salmon heading upriver, notes the flowers along the bank and the birds of the river, and forgets even his beloved barrels as he fills his mind with the sound of "the water tickling away."



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Peru grants asylum to rebels in failed Venezuelan coup

Ramaphosa: defended

training of ANC cadres

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN CARACAS

AS THE Venezuelan government gears up the country's justice system to arrange swift trials for military officers involved in last Friday's coup attempt, 93 rebel officers and soldiers were granted political asylum in Peru. They fled there when troops loyal to President Pérez put down the military rebellion.

Under an emergency decree the government will create new tribunals to shorten the military trials which usually last up to a year. Those found guilty of armed rebellion could be sentenced to up to 30 years

in prison.
But the picture that has emerged after Friday's second coup attempt in less than tenmonths suggests that military discontent with the government is more widespread than was previously believed.

"The worm (of military rebellion) is still alive," warned Teodoro Petkoff, candidate for mayor of Caracas in local elections next Sunday and a former guerrilla leader in the

1960s. President Pérez has

vowed to finish his five-year term as scheduled in February 1994, but he remains deeply unpopular among civilians as well as the military.

Local politicians agree that at least in the short term Senor Perez may have been strengthened by the failure of the coup, but they question his ability to survive until the next election. Pèrez is the epicentre of the crisis and the military are disintegrating around him, said Carlos Azpurua, a congressman for "Causa R", a radical opposition party that favours democratic change.

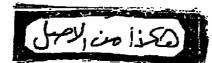
The brutal way in which the coup was carried out and the apparent involvement of extreme left-wing armed groups. has shocked many Venezuelans who oppose the president and might have supported a military takeover by less vio-

lent means. Despite press censorship introduced in a packet of emergency measures suspending constitutional rights, calls for the resignation of Senor Pérez continue to be voiced.

The Venezuelan writer Arturo Uslar Pietri publicly called on Señor Pérez to resign "as a way out of the crisis". He added: "To consider this is exclusively a military problem is to fail to understand the

Expressing the prevailing mood of the country Señor Uslar Pietri said the problem lies in public disgust with a system that tolerates official corruption and inefficiency in public institutions while ignor-ing the need for profound reform to the Venezuelan democratic system.
Although Venezuelans did

not answer a rebei call on Friday to take to the streets, many say they still support a military takeover. "People were frightened. It was too dangerous to go out on the streets," said one middle-class university graduate. We would have supported the coup if it had succeeded. We support an interim militarygovernment until things can be sorted out," she





Solving a human puzzle

for those dealing with the aftermath of a disaster as appalling as the Kathmandu aircrash on September 28, in which 167 passengers perished, among them Andrew and Helen Wilkins, a British missionary couple, and their three children. Yet, says Philip Lewis, the chief executive of Kenyon Emergency Services, it was some small solace to be able to make a positive identification of each member of the Wilkins family: it meant that in death, as in life, they could be together.

Mr Lewis is the head of a team that specialises in the identification of odies after disasters at home and abroad and has so far spent three months in Kathmandu where Kenyon has identified 64 of the victims, 19 of

Some of the British relatives of the unidentified have criticised Kenyon and the Foreign Office for a lack of information about the precise date for a mass funeral, the usual procedure for unidentified bodies. Kenyon says that the suggestion by Pakistan Interna-tional Airlines (PIA), the airline involved, that the burial might be this week was only ever tentative. Mr Lewis is in Kathmandu to finalise the arrangements for the mass funeral but Kenyon say this cannot be done until PIA and the Nepalese authorities reach agreement on the site. When they do, Kenyon says it will inform the families involved of a date.

Kenyon's emergency service, part of JH Kenyon funeral directors, began in the 1920s when, as the local undertaker, Kenyon was called in after an Imperial Airways plane crashed at Croydon aerodrome killing all seven aboard. Since then they have dealt with more than 100 incidents, from Piper

Alpha to Zeebrugge.
They can now field a team of 20 including pathologists, forensic odon-tologists (experts in the anatomy, development, and diseases of teeth and related structures), mortuary technicians and a fingerprint and photography expert, as well as administrative staff, and 1.2 tonnes of equipment

When disaster strikes, Philip Lewis and his team are first on the scene - to try to identify the dead, and help the living. Liz Gill reports

We advise

airlines

not to bring

families out

immediately

ready to be freighted to the disaster site. Kenyon's services are paid for by insurers or, as in the case of Kathmandu, the airline involved. Mr Lewis says the need to put a name to a body is vital, not just for legal or insurance reasons but on humanitarian grounds.

"It is part of grieving, part of the acceptance. Otherwise relatives might be tormented by the thought that the loved one never got on the plane, wasn't really there."

He and a colleague try to go to the scene within hours of the disaster, ahead of the rest of the team, to assess what is needed and to liaise with the authorities. Then the graphed in situ and numbered, before being removed, along with any nearby evidence. The exact found is marked with the same number. At the mortuary, which might be anything

from a tent to an

aircraft hangar, they are photographed again and their clothing and jewellery documented before being examined externally for tattoos, birthmarks, scars or any other revealing characteristics.

An autopsy follows, sometimes using X-rays — if a bomb caused the disaster small fragments of metal may be embedded within the body — and forensic odontologists carry out dental charting before the body is embalmed.

"The autopsy also determines the cause of death, which might seem unnecessary but which can provide vital information in determining the sequence of events: did the pilot have a heart attack, was there smoke in someone's windpipe suggesting a fire before the craship. Mr Lewis says.

While all this is going on relatives are being interviewed by other members of the team either back at home

the team, either back at home or near the scene. We need as many details as possible to compare with what the post mortem reveals," Mr Lewis says. "We prefer to do this at home, where people

will have things like addresses of doctors and dentists, so we advise airlines not to bring families out immediately but if much information them

The parents of Cathy Statham, one of the unidentified at Kathmandu, have complained that they have not been told what further detail might aid identification of their daughter. Kenyon says that identification of bodies now would be dependent on new in-

might succeenly remember. At the company's headquarters in north Logidon a computer compares ante and post-mortem information and proffices a list of possibilities. Dental thecks are often the most reliable, but fingerprints are sometimes used - aprint can be compared with one taken from an item at home - and ching is a growing area. althougher sample must be compared

formation something that a relative

with those from immediate relatives. Ideally four or five different factors are needed to give a positive ID, although circumstances often produce

only two or three. Visual identification alone is frequently impossible, given the name of many disasters, and at

best unreliable and traumatic.
However, viewing the body privately
is a different matter. "Most want to see is a different matter. "Most want to see the body, and there's no question but that it is a good idea," Mr Lewis says. "It's an integral part of the mourning process for many people. So we do try to restore the body to a viswable condition. Sometimes, however, there is nothing we can do, and we tell the relatives that is the case."

The last task is to arrange funerals with local dergymen and to repatriate bodies where necessary. "Most families want the bodies brought back, but some want a cremation out there and just the ashes brought home.

"If you have a mass burial you have to take into account all the different religions. If you are burying Muslims, for instance, they should face Mecca. but will moving the bodies offend the Jews? Generally I find that in these circumstances people are prepared to bend rigid views and usually we can hold an ecumenical service"

t 39 Mr Lewis has seen more than his share of tragedy and horror. "You have got a job to do and part of the time the technicalities take over, you've got a puzzle to solve. But you need always to bear in mind that you are dealing with human beings. We all get emotionally involved. If you see no effect on yourself in a job like this it's time you got out. The whole team is very supportive. At the end of the day we talk things over and if you need a shoulder to cry on you get it. I cope by knowing that I work in often very difficult circumstances to do something important which not many

people could do."

Between disasters the company may be asked to assist coroners and police with identification in criminal cases. Mr Lewis also travels the world to help airlines and other transportation companies draw up contingency plans. He has no fear of flying, "But the job definitely makes you more aware of your own mortality."

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A new light on Alzheimer's

mer's disease takes a step forward next week with the opening of a new home in Camberwell, south London, specially designed for patients at an advanced stage

The architect is Michael Manser, a former president of the Royal Institute of British Architects, who attracted widespread interest from psychiatrists with the paper he delivered on buildings for the

"The worst thing you can do with people like this is to sit them in a ring in front of a television. They vegetate," Mr Manser says. "The best out-look would be over a busy shopping street or children's playground. The new building in Knights Hill has been designed in close consultation with doctors at Maudsley Hospital and is intended to minimise any institutional atmosphere and ensure that as much activity as possible takes place in the view of patients."

The building is designed on a cross plan around a rotunda. One arm houses the administration block and day patients' facilities. The other three are self-contained "houses", each for 12 patients, who all have their own rooms. "It is virtually unique in the NHS to have a home like this without dormitories," says John Stanbury.

the new manager. Every block has its own sitting and dining room looking out through glass screens into the rotunda, the route for all staff and visitors.

Mr Manser says light is one key to treatment. "Elderly people generally need more light," he says. Light floods in through a continuous ring of windows at the top of the rotunda, and the sitting and

ry, suggested last week.

such expensive solutions."

THE NUMBER of people in Britain

who suffer from pain and disability

caused by osteoarthritis of the knee.

estimated to be 1.5 million, could be

halved with self-help treatment such as

dieting, simple leg exercises and the use of in-shoe shock absorbers, researchers

at Bristol University's rheumatology unit, based at the Bristol Royal Infirma-

The findings were presented by Paul

Dieppe, professor of rheumatology. "Current treatments involve the use of

painkillers, physiotherapy and knee

replacement operations costing several

thousand pounds," he says, "but arthri-

tis of the knee joint is such a common

condition we cannot afford to look for

■ Arthritis is the greatest single cause of disability in the United Kingdom today,

according to the Arthritis and Rheuma-

tism Council (ARC). There are more

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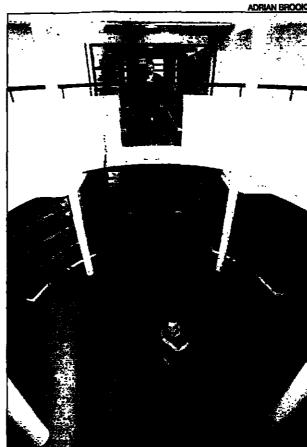
rheumatic diseases which affect six to

eight million people, including 15,000 children, and account for 70 million

Osteoarthritis — a disease in which

working days lost every year.

pain and restore mobility.



Light and briging Mr Stanbury, centre, surveys the home

living rooms all have doubleheight glass walls looking out over the garden. The architect fumes. understandably. because the planning officer made him compress the design, with the result that wings partly obscure the views into the garden in a way he did not intend.

Mr Manser feels strongly about the need for privacy and thus dignity. "Independence must be the first farget in the treatment of the elderly. There must be a private place to be with some of your possessions

and the choice to come and go

as you like." Windows in all rooms have low sills "because elderly people spend more time sitting or lying down", Mr Manser says. The new baths are particularly ingenious. They are similar in shape to a dentist's chair, with a car door at the side so that elderly people can be manoeuvred in and out, without having to raise and

lower themselves. Many Alzheimer's patients tend to be wanderers. Mr Stanbury says: "To encourage

people to move round there is maximum circulation space. with staircases leading up to

the first-floor gallery."

To help patients to orientate themselves, the textures of floors, as well as light levels, vary from one building to another. There is a form of lino in the bedrooms, wood in the corridors and Burlington slate in the rotunda. All the garden walks are designed to bring patients back to where they started.

Mr Stanbury says the main complaint heard from staff is the lack of separate accommodation. He says: "Usl there is a sister's room where nurses can retreat. Here there is only a cubby-hole. There is one staff lavatory for both sexes, whereas it is traditional for the staff to have their own lavatories and even cutlery. I say to them if these facilities are not fit for your own use, they are not fit for the clients."

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Il this is part of Mr Manser's plan. "Recent thinking is that while on duty the staff should be among the patients all the time." he says. "Even if pa-tients at the end of their disease are incapable of registering much, a well-proportioned building with generous windows and a stylish quality will improve the carers' morale and the quality of their care." Mr Stanbury will have a

staff of more than 70 to provide 365-day 24-hour care: The chef will cater for individual, not just group, needs. People will be moving into a hotel, with hospital services." He knows he will have to be alert. "One of my first dients is a well-known hospital escapol-

ogist," he says. MARCUS BINNEY

BOTTOM INE Self help for arthritis

■ The Bristol Unit is investigating the long-term impact on the knee of common movements such as crouching and kneeling and is experimenting on a variety of kneecap supports to determine

what device benefits patients most. ■ Sufferers of osteoarthritis of the knee should wear trainers with good shock absorption, to reduce the load on the knee when the heel strikes the pavement, Professor Dieppe suggests. Insoles purchased from most sport shops will give the knee even more protection.

A simple exercise, done in bed twice a day, would help strengthen the thigh muscles which help to control stability of the knee joint and so reduce pain: straighten the leg and pull the toes towards you, push the knee down, then slowly lift the leg up, keeping the knee

the cartilage wears away - is the most prevalent, with more than five million straight. Repeat up to 30 times. sufferers. It attacks the knee and hips Rheumatoid arthritis - inflammaand, to a lesser extent, fingers. Forty tion which destroys the joint — is almost thousand hip joints and 20,000 knee certainly caused by a breakdown of the joints are replaced every year to relieve body's defence system. Instead of attacking only hacteria and viruses, the T cells

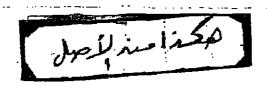
in the immune system attack the body's own tissue in the joints. Researchers at Cambridge University, led by Dr John Isaacs, have developed a treatment, now under trial, designed to knock out the T cells by using monoclonal antibodies. The results have been promising, but it will be some time before such drugs an-

widely available. Obesity increases the risk of arthritis in the knee joint by 5 per cent. Diets which are low in saturated fats may help to reduce the inflammation in joints. Polyunsaturated fatty acids (PUFAs) found in fish oil, sunflower oil or evening primrose oil can reduce the symptoms of rheumatoid arthritis in some patients and allow them to reduce their medication, although they may

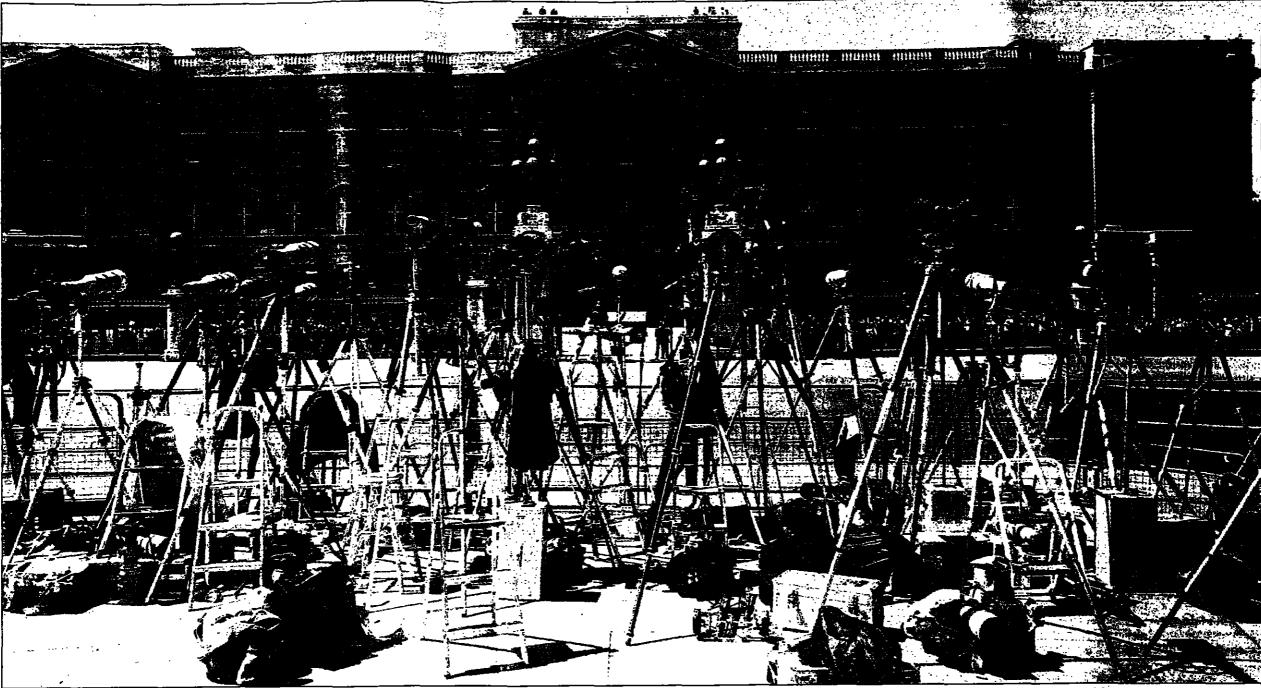
have to be eaten in large quantities. Stress can be a trigger for the onset of rheumatoid arthritis, according to Pro-fessor Derrick Brewerton, a former consultant rheumatologist at the Westminster and Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital, who on Thursday publishes a layman's guide to the disease (All about arthritis, past, present, future, Harvard University Press, £15.95).

For a free booklet on arthritis, enclose a large SAE marked either Rheumatoid or Osteo to: The Arthritis and Rheumatism Council, P O Box 177. Chesterfield, Derbyshire, \$41 7TQ.

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The palace, the press and the people. Part one: the way things were



The press has a thousand eyes: cameras are focused on Buckingham Palace ready for the start of a royal occasion — but behind the acceptable public scrutiny there is a "daily mix of sexual immendo, hypocrisy and lies" doing a huge disservice to society

From the gutter to the sewer and back

have, in my study in Scot-land, a cartoon from Tatler dated 1908. magazine, dated 1908, which shows a crowned and robed figure rushing towards a building that looks remarkably like Buckingham Palace. He is surrounded by drawings of a multitude of vintage box cameras. The caption, which slightly misquotes Tennyson, reads "Fierce is that light that beats around the throne".

I have always meant to, but never did, find out what particular incident this referred to, but one needs only a passing knowledge of 19th century history, let alone a study of the republican press in the last decades of the 18th century, to see that detrimental media coverage of the royal family, their doings and undoings, is nothing new, and the goings on of various Princes of Wales in this century, right down to and including the events leading to the abdication, have been all too well reventilated recently.

In the five years and seven months since I left Buckingham Palace I have not gone into print nor spoken publicly about my time there, since, despite many offers, I felt that it was my duty, if not obligation, to leave the past to itself. After almost ten turbulent years of dealing with Palace-press relations, the last thing I wanted to do was to declaim or write about them. But in that period, there have been many occasions where I felt so infuriated by reporting of royal events that I could well have burst into print or rushed round to the television studios to make my protest.

What has made me change now? Simply, it is that the whole perception of the royal family has dramatically altered over the summer. added to by the events of last week, in particular the aftermath of the great fire of Windsor, the Queen's remarkably candid speech at the Guildhall and the announcement by the prime minister that the Oueen is to pay tax and to reimburse the Treasury for much of the costs of certain members of the royal family. I felt that some reflections from a former member of Her Majesty's Household, coupled with a contribution to the debate about the role of the press in the future of this country, might be useful. I write on a personal basis but also with the additional experience of dealing with media matters both for the government and in the

This is something I will do seldom because I have little time or respect for most of the instant popular commentators on royal matters. I should say that, while my views of the tabloid press are certainly not high, there are a number of journalists working on them whose knowledge of what goes on is a lot better than some of those so-called royal experts.

I intend in the three parts of this article to reflect over past experience in various settings, to comment, as an informed outsider, on what has taken place over the years since I left the Palace, and to look to where we go from here. It will be set in the context of the media's interpretation of royal events. This is because I believe, unlike some, in writing from the basis of some knowledge and experience but, more importantly, because we live in a media

democracy where the debate, not just about the royal family but about almost everything that takes place in public life, is carried on with much more effect, determination, and at times irresponsibility, than it is in Parliament

The press are, after all, like the priests of yore; they have the pulpits from which to proclaim gods and devils. Editors and journalists select their victim kings, garland them, fête them and put them upon their pedestals. Then, after a brief day of glory, they ritually slaughter them. We see continuous examples of pop stars, soccer heroes, junior ministers, Chancellors, almost anyone in public life, built up, praised until they start slipping, and then with glee, the press rush to put the boot in. The late Ian Macleod once said. "there's no better time to kick a politician than when he's down". This seems to be the popular sport surrounding those who dare to seek prominence in any walk of life in Britain today.

When I am asked whether the press interest in the royal family last year has been something exception-al in the post second world war period, my answer has been a qualified yes, given that it has also grown naturally with the growth of mass communication. But there have been other excep-

tional periods, for example, the huge amount of speculation over the future prospects of the Prin-cesses Elizabeth and Margaret just after the war, and the intense interest that surrounded the romantic prospects of the Prince of Wales prior to his engagement to Lady Diana Spencer. One of the very few times I issued a denial in my decade at Buckingham Palace related to a banner headline in the Daily Express that proclaimed that the Prince of Wales was about to get engaged, to Princess Marie-Astrid of Luxembourg. I checked out this story before issuing a statement to the effect that, not only was this untrue, but the Prince had hardly ever met Princess Marie-Astrid. True to its unrepentant style, the



Michael Shea (left) has never commented publicly about his nine years as the Queen's press secretary. Recent events have persuaded him that he should break his silence, in a three-part analysis for *The Times*

only thing that changed in the later editions of the Daily Express was that a question mark was put at the end of its headline and the front page leader began with "Despite Buckingham Palace's denials, rumours continue to abound that ... When I arrived at Buckingham

Palace fresh from a diplomatic posting in New York, I found a vise Queen, a hard working royal family, a dedicated and remarkably efficient Household where the only slight, and in no real way personalised differences in strategy. were over the degree to which there should be more or less "openness" about the behind the scenes workings of the official system. Should we keep the veil tightly drawn, or should there be more daylight shed on the mysterious ways of the monarchy? I felt, at that time that we got the balance about right despite the constant media de-

mands for interviews and access. However, time for reflection on such matters of strategy was curtailed by having to react to each day's demands. There were ones of relative calm and ones of, in retrospect, ridiculous storm. There were, as I remember it, constant frustrations over the ludicrous stories that appeared in the tabloids, particularly on a Monday. Harry Arnold, then of *The Sun*, and James Whittaker, then of the Daily Mirror, would vie with each other, in their pubescent days as royal watchers, to write about the most

trivial happenings, either real or imagined, to do with any and every member of the royal family, with the almost universal exception of the Queen. I imagine that even they look back at some of their stories from that time, and, if they have it in them, blush. These were the days when it was said that a banner headline on the front page of The Sun might best read "Find a fact inside and win a million". Coverage, though even more trivial, was often just as intense over my period. When I was asked whether we took press cuttings at the Palace, I explained that on most days, there would be nothing left of the papers were I to arrange to have this done. can remember telling Harry Evans this when he was Editor of

this newspaper. He responded that this was, of course, just the tabloids. Having done my brief research I was able to tell him (this must have been around about 1981) that, not counting the court page, there were 13 separate items about members of the royal family in that morning's Times. The Guardian, Financial Times and later when it came into being, The Independent, were then more frugal in their views of goings on around the throne.

The one most pressing and appalling problem during my entire time at the Palace was the gross intrusion and invasion of privacy by photographers. The British press tended to play innocent, to brand them as paparazzi, largely working for foreign publications. But their picture editors and I both knew that this was not the case. Even though many of them were freelance, what was the difference between a freelance and a full-time photographer when the freelancers were being paid handsome daily retainers by some in Fleet Street papers to have first option on what

he Princess of Wales in particular, and later her children being taken by nannies through London parks, were harassed and followed everywhere they went. On one extra-notorious occasion the pregnant Princess of Wales was photo-graphed wearing a bikini. Apologies were demanded from the newspaper in question. It apologised the next day, but reprinted the photograph with the subheading that these were the photographs they were apologising for printing.
What did we do about it? I wrote

to all editors. I made appeals on a one to one basis. I talked to the Press Council. We got nowhere. I had two fairly widely reported meetings with almost all the editors of the day, with the exception of two who worked for the same proprietor who told me that they had more important things to do. At that meeting, it was agreed that the press would lay off, especially the Princess of Wales.

and the subsequent one that took place with the same two editors, Kelvin MacKenzie and Andrew Neil, missing, a lot of the photo-graphic harassment abated. But as this was also an age in which the Daily Mirror and The Sun were chasing each other from the gutter to the sewer and back again in search of ever greater circulation figures, with the Daily Star whimpering along in the background, the stand-off period was short-lived.

I did not join those who at that stage blamed the press for everything. No more do I do so now. I am confident that our handling of these matters could have been better done. But our aim in the Palace press office was - and still, I believe, is - to give every possible help to all branches of the media when they cover official royal events and engagements.

I fully understood the frustra tions of the press over their access to certain information which they, but not we, believed should be available. There has always, and will always be, a gap between what the media want to know about the royal family, in particular about their private lives, and what the Palace is prepared to make known. The pressures were, of course, not

always so intense and there were periods of relative quiet. I am amazed when I recall that there were even requests to me at various times to see if I could not increase the media profile and coverage of some royal events. Certain moves were made which I believe were enormously helpful, such as the decision to allow the televising of state banquets to show to a wider public some of the ceremonial behind the great affairs of state. In all this, thinking back, I

tended mentally to divide the media into four distinct groups in terms of their behaviour and accuracy of coverage. At the top were the provincial and regional press, who, by and large, give balanced and dispassionate coverage when a member of the royal family comes For a while after this meeting to their areas. But that is in the

have to live much more closely with their readers and therefore have imposed upon them a higher degree of responsibility for getting their faits right.

Secondly came radio. There is

sometimie about radio which, uncluttered by negative or positive temptations to make the visual content sufficiently enticing, tends to have to make sure that it, too gets its facts right and its opinions balanced. Television and the broadsheets came third. Both of those covered toyal events in waves of fashion over the period; at times they reported in depth and believed that it was part of their duty to send correspondents on visits or tours and have television, both independent and the BBC, not only cover tours, but then to edit the material into one of the specials which were given prime-time slots on Sunday afternoons or evenings. At other times they, rather grandly, ignored royal matters entirely.

Last on my list — a way down — came the tabloids. The purpose of this article is not to condemn the tabloids any more than they do themselves. At their best they can be furnry, they can be bright, they can, presumably, be entertaining to those who are entertained by them. At worst, they are a cancer in the soft underbelly of the nation, doing a huge disfavour to our society in terms of the damage they do to individuals, to institutions, to the body politic, to ordinary people, with their daily mix of sexual innuendo, hypocrisy and lies.

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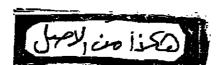
In part two of his series, Michael Shea considers current press treatment of the royal family and deplores the arrant intrusion into privacy

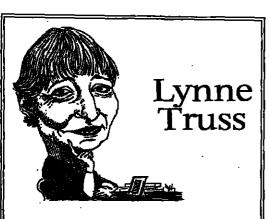


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■ Imagine an Advent calendar designed especially for the apocalyptic Nineties

bought myself an Advent calendar the other day. I thought it might fit under the heading of "nurture the child within thy self"; also; I really fancied one. "Little Tommy will love this, ha ha," I chuckled to the assistant (who was not remotely interested in my transparent bluff); "just wait till tiny wee Jemima sees it! Tch, what a treat for small Sam," and then I darted off to take refuge in the murk and anonymity of the street outside. In my haste, however, I left the calendar on the counter, which is why the first of December finds me rather glum, with no little paper window to prise open, and no loosely-glued glitter to spill accidentally on the cat.

But perhaps it is for the best. Advent calendars -- even the scrappy, limp specimens of years ago. on which the perforations tore, and the revealed picture of the rocking horse was rarely in proper alignment with the window — are posited on anticipation, deferred gratification and hope, and unfortunately these three items of mental furniture are as scarce today as a tin bath or a radiogram. In the past I have often fondly supposed, that the Advent calendar might be adapted for other great national countdowns (the run-up to the Booker prize; the week before a general election) but this is to forget that most people are not as excitable as me. For the majority. I fear, there would be no perceptible thrill in opening little windows to reveal blurry archive pics of Selina Scott or the returning officer

But in any case (and this is the point), only a moron looks forward to things in today's world. Hope has no currency, and the only countdown operating in our lives is the obvious one for people living in an era called the 1990s — it is the daily sense that humanity is being dragged tick-tock ever nearer to the verge of cataclysm by its own stupidity and cruelty. Don't you feel it? The dread? If not, what's wrong with you? Stormy dark horsemen with scythes a-glint may be an optional extra in this apocalyptic picture, but honestly, isn't it all over, bar the shouting? Years ago, you would see funny cartoons of bearded blokes with placards saying: "The end of the world is nigh". But not anymore. Don't you think it is significant that they have disappeared?

o, "I suppose we'd better see what's behind the window today," says plucky Mrs Zeitgeist, reaching down her Millennial Advent Calendar, to check the latest seed of destruction. "Yesterday we had Croatians dying in concentration camps, do you remember? And before that, rampant Aids in the Third World. Now," -- she picks at the corner of the little window, and carefully peels it back - "oh look, it's not so bad, just a new crime where women are hijacked in their cars. Hmm. Quite a good picture. See the woman being raped and killed. children? See the woman with her dothes caught in the door dragged for miles behind her speeding car? Well I think that's enough excitement for one day."

The joke is that people grow ever more cynical, in the mistaken belief that cynicism is a protection. Thus, every time you are shocked to read about innocence exploited or public trust abused, an exasperated voice in your head, shouts. "look, surely you've got the hang of this by now? Expect the worse and you won't be disappointed." How sad, though, that there is no room for nice surprises in these Advent calendars of ours. I mean, imagine if Mr Lamont's famous vintner expedition had turned out to be a charitable purchase on behalf of a dying constituent - a bottle of eggnog, or something. Nobody would believe it. "And the rest" The country would sneer, with a single voice. But cynicism is moral death, and the battle against it is virtually the only one still worth fighting. I shudder now to remember how readily I embraced the cynic's twin notions of how the world works: conspiracy and cock up. I only did it because it sounded smart, but now the wind has changed and I am stuck with it. "The road to hell," I faintly remember hearing somebody say. "is paved with good intentions." Oh veh?" says I. "And the rest."

The campaign to tax the Queen is based on monstrous exaggeration of her wealth, says Woodrow Wyatt

e are in George Or-well's 1984 where "Big Brother is watch-ing you". Big Brother today being an amalgam of those with power over large sections of the press and broadcasting, who manipulate opinion through their "Thought Police", then claim this represents the sponta-neous feelings of the public. This is the antithesis of a free press and democracy. Since early 1991 the Queen has been harried by the demand to pay

The launching platform was an article in Harpers & Queen billing the Queen as the richest woman in the world with a personal £6.6 billion pounds, or just over £1.8 million a day". The Sunday Times, after giving much prominence to these supposed fabulous riches, more cautiously wrote editorially on February 10, 1991 that the £1.8 million a day was "probably wrong" but her "very great" wealth must nevertheless be taxed. The Daily Mail had no reservations. Its editorial on February 15, 1991 referred to "the fact that the Queen does not pay tax on her income of £1.8 million a day as though this were established truth.

The campaign, more a ven-

Lies and a royal vendetta

the tabloids and others. The "Thought Police", having swamped the public with the daily £1.8 million lie, easily won large opinion poll majorities in favour of the Queen paying tax. A carefully researched article in The Economist on January 25, 1992 estimated the Queen's private investments at now under £50 million after digging deep into her capital to help other Royals. "Her private income is perhaps between £1 million and £5 million a year. If she paid income tax the yield to the Treasury would be about £2 million at most". But "Big Brother", unconcerned with facts, gratifies an overweening lust while defeatistly convinced that Britain is in terminal decline and must, along with the Queen, embrace a

The Windsor Castle fire was a gift. It fuelled the cry that the Queen should pay for the re-pairs. As usual, facts did not intrude on the opinions of the most inaccurate media in the world. James Wyatt (my x-

If ministers use public funds

reduced status.

elegant alterations at Windsor for George III. His nephew, Sir Jeffry Wyatt (later renamed Wyatville at George IV's insistence) worked closely with his sovereign in the huge 1824-30 reconstruction creating, inter alia, the staggering skyline. The private apartments, opening into a wide corridor in

the style of Jeffry Wyatt's Chatsworth remodelling, luckily were barely touched. The damage was where visiting heads of state and other foreign notables are received and entertained. Jeffry Wyatt's St George's Hall. Grand Reception Room, Green and Crimson Drawing Rooms. making a fine Regency set, not fatally hit by fire. can and should be fully restored. Howev-er, the dull private chapel where the fire began is a candidate for a modern imaginative design. Despite the media lies that Windsor is the Queen's person-al property, it would be absurd to ask the Queen to pay for the

repairs of state rooms. George III began the practice through nearly all Windsor Castle where you can see far more than in the Houses of Parliament. The money earned from overseas tourists is incalculable. They come because it is not a dead museum but some where the Queen lives. But al.15. republicans and false friends protesting that the Queen must change with the times as the miserably see them, gloatingly tell us they have won the income tax battle. The Queen's enemies already ravenously enquite what she will pay tax on and if not why not, and their clampui.

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lies, will not cease.

nsulting suggestions made as to items she should sell to meet her tax habilities. Undoubtedly there will be leaks of her income tax reasts now that, as shown in the Sunday Times last weekend Full details of everyone's financial affairs, tax returns, the lot. In be rapidly obtained for 200. Nor can those Royals no longer on the Civil List expect to be unmolested. Today the social press and media will personate her name.

by lies and innuendos any victim they choose. Witness the monstrous hunt of Mr Lamont. larded plentifully by lies, to hound him out of office at "Big Brother's" behest.

If the controllers by bogus information of public opinion succeed in determining who should be members of the Cabinet, and in which office. democracy will be stood on its head. It has been in the case of the Queen's tax, which is a bad decision. The right solution would have been to return the Queen's Crown Estates to her. Currently they make a net profit of around £72 million a year. If they were given back, and she paid income tax at top rate, the Queen would have left at least £43.2 million a year. She would still not be as rich as the Queen of Holland but she would be able to contribute more for the upkeep of her sovereignty. At present the tiny, now-to-be-cut Civil List she gets in return emounts to a virtual confiscation of her property which is run by the Crown Commissioners in

List could be forgiven if they refuse to make further public appearances at functions for which they are deluged with invitations to grace. Royal ladies are expected to be beautifully turned out, but who is to pay the expense of this? True, if some had behaved with more discretion, the pressure on the Queen to pay income tax might have been much less. However, it cannot be said that their marital troubles do not reflect what

The Queen has been and is superb. With utmost dedication she works unremittingly to fur-ther the country's good. We owe her much. The world envies us our monarchy: many here are foolishly near to directing envy at it. I hear normally intelligent people saying it is an anachro-nism which should be replaced by a republic. Foreigners would they would be right.

The monarchy is the living symbol which makes us proud of our past and encourages us to look forward with confidence to the future. God Save the Queen is redolent of meaning: God Save the decaying politician

Private probity, public office

o what exactly did the Treasury see itself as contributing, when it handed over £4,000 to Norman Lamont? The official explanation is credible enough - indeed seamless in the way that statements from such Whitehall sources tend to be and yet somehow it is less than illuminating. In the bland prose of civil service apologia, the elucidation goes like this: a contribution from the government was made to help defray Lamont in embarrassing circumstances because, as a holder of government office, a threat to his reputation might "bear on his performance" of public

Presumably, if Mr Lamont had been a purely private per-son he might well have found himself with an unsalubrious tenant on his property. But since the presence of such a tenant would only

have been likely to give rise to a certain amount of local ribaldry among Mr Lamont's col-leagues and friends, there would have been no

to counter press speculation about her activities there. Thus it was deemed in the public interest for legal action to be taken to relieve Mr Lamont of the pressures which were likely to distract him from his responsibilities. Alongside this account of how financial help to the Chancellor could be seen to be for the nation's good. another argument offered by

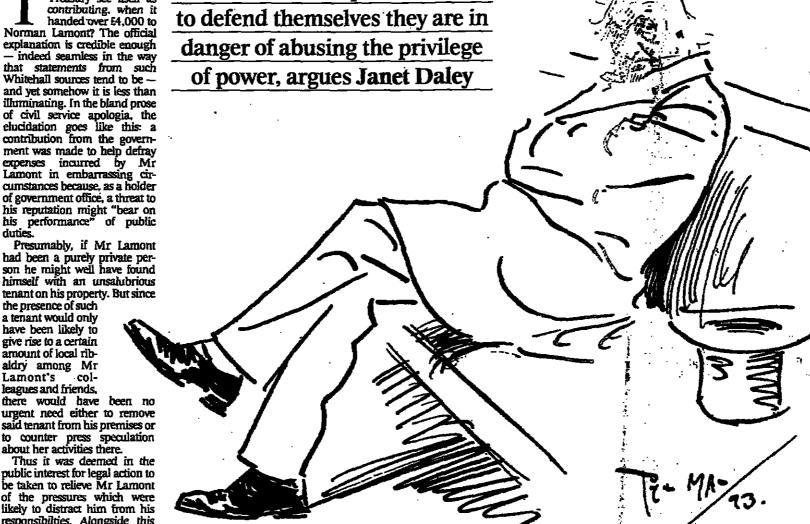
the Treasury was that it is

inequitable for a man in public

office to have to foot the entire

bill for troubles which would not have befallen him had he not been a holder of such office. In other words, it is legitimate for government to help meet the . costs to ministers of extremely expensive legal advice if and when they find themselves in circumstances which would not be discomfiting were they not in government. (Readers must bear with me. Some tortuous syntax is unavoidable here in

But if being in office makes the having of such embarrassments, and whatever mistakes of judgment or failings of character led to them, a subject



The upright Chancellor: Gladstone invented the role and set the highest standards for his successors to live up to

of serious speculation, then why should the suppression of such speculation — which was the purpose of hiring legal advice be paid for by the electorate who are doing the speculating? This is rather like suggesting that someone who is under suspicion of mismanaging company funds should be entitled to company funding to help him remove the evidence of

their own, suddenly find them-

mismanagement Let me put it another way.
Government ministers are not press-ganged into their positions. Indeed, they devote lifeconveying the circularity of this times of effort to achieving them and are, therefore, likely to know what they are letting themselves in for by occupying public office. That is, they do not willy-nilly, through no fault of

selves in a position where every aspect of their lives is open to press scrutiny and potential embarrassment for which wholunexpected disadvantage ly unexpected disadvantage they should be entitled to

eing in government is at least something of a privilege which leaves one open to constant examination in terms of one's fitness for office. If challenges to that fitness may be defended with funds which are attached to the office, then do we not have a system which arms the powerful with the resources of precisely that station for which their fitness is being questioned? Do they not, in effect, have it all

Where do the interests of the

public office ent and those of antique document which is the private man begin? For that matter does an "office" have interests? If government itself is a kind of self-protective fortress. with automatic mechanisms for countering an anack like the master computer HAL in the film, 2001) then are not the particular politicians who inhabit it bound to benefit in an unwholesome way? This is not corruption in any ordinary sense which involves bribery or personal favour but a generalised tendency to favour whoever is in power a: the moment an inbuilt bias in favour of the

status quo. Britain, having no written constitution, has its institutions and political traditions formed by accretion The advantage of this - that it is not tied to some

cumbersome to change - has its price. What actually goes on and why, becomes very much harder to delineate and examine and there is no higher authority than precedent: if things have been done this way before, then it must be acceptable to carry on doing them this way.

Some principles become en-shrined in the system through a kind of informal historical consensus. Since Gladstone, who invented the modern office of Chancellor, was a man of renowned probity and honour, that office has come to be associated with spotless character in a singular way. This special mythology of chancellor-ship may indeed go some way to justifying the Treasury's argu-

are subjected to unusual pressures from which taxpayers money may be required to extricate them. But there is another principle established, if not by a constitution then certainly by statute, which guarantees that civil servants shall be disinterested in the fate of their political masters. Surely, this practice (if it is an accepted practice) of offering cash help to ministers "under pressure" from public embarrassment must risk compromising the independence of the civil

I am not intending to impugn Mr Lamont's particular actions, or the specific decision of Sir Peter Middleton, the former permanent secretary to the Treasury, to offer the Chancellor help from the taxpayer in his awkward dilemma. What I am suggesting is that, as things appear to stand, when a politician's competence is called into question by public controversy. he is entitled to use the very power and resources of his position to help snuff out that controversy.

Then the Treasury made its contribution to the Chancellor's fighting fund, it might have seen itself as protecting any or all of the following: the office of the Chancellor from disrepute: the electorate from any dire consequences which could have resulted from the strain on Mr Lamont, or Mr Lamont himself from professional débacle. Disentangling these three things. under the rather woolly arrangements which exist is a difficult matter. But as we move toward a more open and accountable public life, it will be a matter of urgency that we do so.

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If the unpicking of them proves impossible, then we shall find ourselves with a problem that goes far beyond any mo-mentary predicaments of ministers or particular governments. For behind the tabloid tittletattle, there is real public disquiet about complacent, selfperpetuating power. The British electorate has discovered the joys of peeling away layers of mystery and self-justification to find what really lies beneath. Anything that smacks of possible collusion between one wing of the establishment and another is in for a rough ride.

Backroom Tories see red

HELL hath no fury like a Conservative who has just stumped up for the chancellor's legal fees. While Central Office is adamant that none of the money used to pay Norman Lamont's legal expenses has come from constituency association funds, employees at Smith Square are furning that £18,000 of Tory party money, whatever its source, should be used in such a way when a squeeze of Dickensian proportions has just been imposed on the party machine.

The news of the payment could not have come at a worse time. The Tory faithful have just learnt that the party's 12 regional offices may be axed because of lack of money.
Only the party headquarters in Scotland seems certain to be saved.

Offices in Wales, the Midlands. and Yorkshire may be shut down or merged in the new year as the result of a review commissioned by Sir Norman Fowler. At Conservative Central Office in

London, where staff have already been laid off, there was barely concealed fury that the party could produce £18,000 out of a hat for the chancellor when times are so hard that the office copy of the Daily Sport has been cancelled. One employee said: "We are disgusted that they can find money to pay the most expensive lawyer in the land when most of us don't even know if we will be in a job in a few months' time."

Such is the state of the party's finances that some Conservative associations have fallen behind with their payments to the party's in-house firm of administrative suppliers in Reading. Any association which has not settled up within three months has to receive approval from Central Office in London before it is allowed to make

John Carlisle, the only Tory MP to demand the chancellor's resignation, says: "It is difficult enough raising money now for the party because of the recession. This will make it worse. Whether the money came from benefactors or not, that money could have been better spent in marginal constituencies. Next time we hold a fundraising event there will no doubt be people asking for which minister's solicifees are we raising the

● For a man with a £2470 credit card overdraft and a sizeable credibility gap, Norman Lamont is remarkably cheerful. At a confer-



ence at Conservative Central Office on Saturday Lamont was chal-lenged about high interest rates levied by the banks on small businesses. Pausing briefty the chancellor replied: "Yes. And they have them on Access cards too."

Out of pocket

THOSE wanting further evidence of Norman Lamont's mortality need look no further than the Thresher's receipt episode. Thresher's employees were dispatched to sift through hundreds of slips of paper in an attempt to prove that the chancellor's tastes extended to claret rather than cheap cham-pagne, but the scrap of paper eluded them. It was not found until the chancellor slipped on his sports jacket at Dorneywood on Sunday. In one of the pockets was the cause of all the fuss. Why was it not found Force fed

GOOD news for turkeys. Lord Weatherill, the former Speaker, is about to celebrate his 60th anniversary as a vegetarian. Now enjoying

jacket only at the weekend.

retirement from politics, but hard at work in the family tailoring firm. the newly elevated peer recalls his struggle to remain vegetarian in an age of carnivores.
"I have never liked meat and

before? The chancellor wears that

would not eat it as a boy. My father could not understand my aversion and used to take the strap to me. At meal times at prep school I was forced to sit next to the headmaster with the same piece of meat in my mouth day after day in an attemp to make me eat it," says Weatherill in Health Guardian magazine. Weatherill, who never had any

problem making himself under-stood in the Commons, suffered a terrible stammer as a result of the pressure, and was sent to numerous psychiatrists. One of sound common sense concluded: "If the boy doesn't like meat, why make him eat it?". Weatherill has not touched

Crumbs!

WITH hordes of Euro-fanatics about to descend vampire-like on



Feminists were out in force at the British launch of Ms magazine last week. Barbara Follett, left, told guests, including editor in chief Robin Morgan, centre, and founding editor Gloria Steinem, right, of her struggles with her bank. After months of trying, she had her bank cards changed from "Mrs" to "Ms". Then they were stolen. The bank has just reissued them in the name of Mrs Follett. "It's not that I mind being married." says Follett, who ran image projection courses for Labour candidates before the general election. "I just object to being defined by whether I am married. I don't think my bank manager understands that."

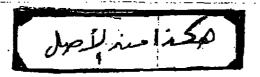
the Scottish capital for this month's summit, it is perhaps fitting that Edinburgh is to get a new saint. The Venerable Margaret Sindan, a former trade union activist and worker on the McVitte's biscuit factory floor, is expected to be canonised shortly.

Born in 1900, Sindair died in 1925 and has been "venerable" since 1978. This month, however, came the first indication that a canonisation was assured. The Rt Rev Keith O'Brien, archbishop of St Andrews and Edinburgh, visiting the Vatican this month, was told by Pope John Paul II that a

miracle would secure it. Father Stephen McGrath, the vice-postulator for Sinclair's canonisation says: "She was an ordinary girl. Unusually ordinary. but extraordinary because of that ". A daily communicant from the age of seven. Sinclair became an apprentice French polisher at 14 and an active member of the woodworkers' trade union.

Later she worked at Mc\ itie's. which, says McGrath, was reluctant to let her leave to become a nun. McGrath says the Pope is "very keen". Having canonised 260 of the 700 saints created since the 10th century, John Paul II has been critisised by some cynics for being something of a one-man saint factory.







SHOOT TO FEED

If only force will save Somali lives, forceshould be used

The United Nations is contemplating the invasion of a member state. That, brusquely summerised, is the mandate America has asked the UN security council to consider for a new UN force in Somalia, to which President Bush is prepared to contribute up to 30,000 troops.

For the first time in the UN's history, the UN troops would be empowered to fire not just in self-defence, but to fight their way through any armed attempt to ambush or otherwise obstruct the distribution of humanitarian aid. Such a policy, described by one American official as "shoot to feed". would be a radical departure in international law. But for humanity's sake. governments must set aside their fears of setting precedents for external intervention. So desperate is Somalia's plight

Radicalism must be married to careful planning: this operation must be speedily mounted and, for the first time, on an adequate scale. Respected agencies such as Save the Children, whose work in Somalia puts to shame the UN's tardy and inadequate response to date, oppose military intervention. Even in the absence of a government or working political structure, they believe it better to work alongside Somali elders, and fear that their staff and food stocks will be attacked once the UN plan is announced.

Yet the brutal fact is that persuasion has failed, and at intolerable cost. More than 300.000 Somalis have died of starvation. and a quarter of a million more could be dead by the new year, women and children first. Nearly a million Somalis have fled the country. Two million, a third of those who are left, are seriously at risk of dying: shot by armed gunmen, or perishing for lack of food that the world is able and willing to provide.

Attempts by UN and private aid agencies to co-operate with the "authorities" have meant, in practice, begging warlords for permission to save their countrymen from starving. Their word is worth nothing. UN

grain shipments are halted last week, after a ship with "prinission" to unload was shelled last week attering the harbour of the capital. But even at is not the heart of the problem. Once find is in the country, local gunmen extract a mey to protect convoys, and top up if a earnings from this protection racket looting the goods they have promised in otect. The UN secretary-general, Boutros harros Ghali, admits that four-fifths of food ad medicines reaching Somalia never real at the starving.

A political section is the starving.

A political section in Somalia is remote, but the staing can be stopped without one. The stem UN military contingent deployed is a now is impotent: the grim joke is that it soo men need gunmen to protect it. Yet the swever dangerous to civilian relief work is the armed gangs in Somalia are now, if would be no match for a large, well-arm sun food convoys and convoys an

can and should good airstrips and ports, food convoys and airstrips and ports, with or without the war assent, and disarm

freelance gunmen.
For lasting pead contemplate putting porary trusteeship, neglect has been cerror. Last April, Mohamed Sahnour e UN may have to omalia under tem-rits record of early ginded by strategic Soutros Ghali sent Mohamed Sahnous alliant, knowledgey, to Somalia, only in October for able and courageous to force him to formance of most criticising the "lous" UN agencies.

erian, is widely M Sahnoun, an M Sahnoun, an arian, is widely regarded as the only a with the diplomatic finesse and standing of Somalia's extremely contribal allegiances to bring about nation conciliation. The British government is his presence as "indispensable". The hypersensitivity to criticism remains its lest flaw. The UN secretary-general should not only take up America's offer: to proper as determination to close a miserable case if for the UN, he should return M Sahns to the field. should return M Sahne to the field.

SCIENCE'S BIG BANG

The nuclear jubilee looks back in relief and or

Fifty years ago tomorrow a telegram was sent from a squash court in Chicago to the White House. Its cryptic message ran: "The Italian navigator has entered the New World." With benefit of hindsight we can see that not all the natives were friendly, for the navigator was Enrico Fermi and the world he had entered was that of nuclear fission.

On December 2, 1942, Fermi's team succeeded in setting in motion the first selfsustaining nuclear fission reaction. For all those involved, it was apparent that this was no ordinary experiment. If successful, it would provide an alternative route to nuclear weapons, in some ways simpler than the enrichment of uranium. Of lesser importance at the time was the prospect of using the control of nuclear fission, pioneered in that squash court under the grandstand of Stagg Field, for the producnon of electricity.

In the event, nature behaved as the scientists expected. The chatter of the automatic equaters rose as the last control rod was pulled out. Nobody spoke while Fermi studied the instruments and checked to make sure the growth in neutron flux was exponential. indicating the establishment of a chain reaction. Finally, after an agonising delay, he said "Zip in". A control rod was dropped back into the pile. Immediately the reaction subsided and the celebrations began.

Never has science given birth to a more producious infant. The history of the past bulf-century would have been very different without the atom bomb, which imposed its own moratorium on world war. Opposing empines were forced to moderate their instincts in face of the terrible prospect that faced them if they fought. By raising the risks to an intolerable le e atom bomb at once made war more d less likely. On the home front, a fission offered a new ed nuclear

generate laudly pro-realised. The electricity. Its promise, claimed, has never quite I the risks as eved. Today. costs were not as low, manageable, as proponent 50 years after the first reach the public has yet to mate nuclear fission. The feeling iust as powerful and contra as those felt by the pioneers who wal silence as Fermi orchestrated the his eriment.

The events that day I other important consequence. The asformed eore propublic expectations of sci foundly than any other ent ever conducted. From a labe curiosity understood by a few expa Éuropean scientists, nuclear fission be the greatest power on earth. For sa s this has been a blessing — and a d They have enjoyed their season in the so pported in a manner far more generou was ever the case in the past. But go eggs have not always been laid with the ency their paymasters expected.

Governments have had earn that merely assembling large team and engineers and pointing scientists mem at a problem is not enough. If ripe, then little or nothing manning in nuclear fission, a science achieved. oment of with a revolutionary change coince sequence of events that made mph not only inevitable but necessary mature is yields its not usually so accommodating secrets sparingly, and not a bidding of the biggest spender

BRRRM BRRRM

British motorbikes rev up again as symbols of liberal

These who mourn the death of the British motor wile industry - usually alongside the demise of courtesy and the decline of the pound - will ruise a small cheer today. As the International Motorcycle Show opens in Firmoncham, two British companies, rethed can the dead, will display their new wars Both Norton and Triumph are making monorbikes again - and with

varying degrees of success. Notical was given an abrasive treatment be Sir John Harvey-Jones in his Troublethatter television programme last week. Motors : de alicionados claim the company a group for far upmarket, its new model conts is much as a tamin saloon car. But Trum on has were great accolades for its Trophy described by one motoring writer as a pour plant that could have been devgnet in Hunda or Kawasaki". That, by the

teorniques a si ven In the 195th, two out of three motorbikes in the aired were British-made By the 1960s. Japan was challenging Britain in the aummittet and moped market. Within ten wars, just one motor-evele in 100 sold in Inform was made here. Since the 1970s, the spanes have outmen taken on percent or

sore of the Breat market Design mayorme, in 1981, had harsh eds an the British motorcycle industry: en the most patriotic British rider has of softweet from the anstere traditional of softweeth opens that work electric starter motors and freedom from epeball-buzzing vibration. Riders no long think it part of motorcycling's rich tapeshy is it by a wet roadside with their hands with eleep in an oily clutch."

Motorcycle Sport, in 1970, a scribed Honda's new CB750 as "a commisseur's dream". The same issue found that the Triumph Trident 3 idled unevents leaked oil and was suspected of rust. Some of its dials did not even light up at night. Sonda did not make that elementary mistake Triumph and Norton are relationer

themselves into a shrinking market New motorbike sales are at an all-time in Britain - 52,000 in 1991 compared with 331,000 in 1959. Motorcycling was a phenomenon of the postwar years, when petrol was scarce and cars expensive. Motorbikes were then a rite of passage for young men, a taste of the freedom of independent travel before the onus of family responsibility arrived. Now motorbikes are less popular with the young and more so with harassed commuters in their thirties trying to beat the traffic while recapturing a little of their old Easy Rider fantasies.

Nostalgia is rarely what it used to be. But companies such as Triumph and Norton have one great advantage. Despite having lain dormant for so long, their brand names endure as romantic symbols of teenage and young adult liberation. And nobody now remembers the leaking oil.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Lamont expenses in the public eye

From Mr Adam C. Barker

Sir. The media and the Labour party are so intent on finding fault with Mr Lamont that they have ignored the conduct of the Conservative party. Why was £18,000 of party funds used to pay legal fees to evict a "sex therapist" from the Chancellor's London home?

You report today that the money did not come from funds raised by constituency parties, but "appears to have been provided by one or more party benefactors". Is this explanation of the source of the money enough to placate members of local constituency parties? I certainly hope not. The ability of rich benefactors to "funnel" money to government ministers through the Conservative party raises very serious questions.

What other "reimbursement" has been paid to ministers by the Conservative party? Did David Mellor receive any "reimbursement" from party funds? If not, why not? Any costs incurred by Mr Mellor in defending his reputation would be comparable to the reimbursement of Mr Lamont's

One has to wonder what controls there are over this Conservative party "slush fund". Surely we cannot allow government ministers to receive money from rich benefactors in this manner. While the Chancellor states that "none of the costs incurred in evicting my tenant was met from public funds", I submit that the Conservative party is not an appropriate alternative form of funding.

Yours sincerely, ADAM C. BARKER, Lloyds Avenue House, 6 Lloyds Avenue, EC3. November 30.

From Mr John E. Strafford

Sir, It is reported today that Conservarive Central Office has paid £18,000 towards Norman Lamont's legal expenses. If this is an example of Central Office expenditure, it is no wonder that the party is on the very edge of bankruptcy.

Sir Norman Fowler has proposed a board of management to run Central Office (Diary, November 23). It is essential that at least half of the members of this board are directly elected by the constituency associ-ations by postal ballot. Democratic accountability should stop such an appalling situation arising again.

Yours faithfully. JOHN E. STRAFFORD. Perama. Fulmer Road. Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire.

From Mr Richard Tattersall

Sir. I am sure that most legal aid lawyers were dismayed at the savage curs in legal aid entitlement announced by the Chancellor in his Autumn Statement. It was therefore heartening to read of a novel legal aid scheme to assist those who, whilst not on the bread-line, are seemingly unable to bear the full cost of going to

I am unclear as to the precise details of the scheme, but newspaper reports suggest that in deserving cases, the Treasury will pay a substantial percentage of the costs incurred.

Legal aid practitioners will be delighted to note that under the scheme there would appear to be no "means test" - the merits of the case alone being the only determining factor - and the scale of remuneration is linked to that charged by the top City firms: about £200 per hour, rather than the much more modest rates that apply under the statutory

Yours faithfully RICHARD TÄTTERSALL, Tanersalls (solicitors). Q4 Caloma Road. Tilbury, Essex. November 30.

From Mrs Kate Paviot

Sir, I assume that ministers occupying official residences are not obliged to rent out their private residences. I further assume that, apart from normal taxation of unearned income, such ministers do not usually share with the nation any profits they make from such letting.

That being so, why should the nation be involved in any expenses ministers might incur as a result of such transactions?

Yours faithfully. KATE PAVIOT, 22 Westbourne Gardens, W2. November 29.

From Mr Timothy Shorter

Sir. Mr Lamont's solicitors' bill for evicting his tenant and dealing with the media was £23,000, apparently run up over a period of four or five weeks (according to his solicitor on the radio this morning).

As a legal practitoner. I was recently paid a similar amount of money in a Children Act case. The difference would appear to lie in the fact that my case involved six months' preparation, a ten-day hearing before a High Court judge and the fee I have received includes counsel's fees, VAT and all necessary expenses.

Yours faithfully, TIM SHORTER (Senior Partner). Howe & Shorter (solicitors). Trinity Chambers, 19 Trinity Road, Weymouth, Dorset. November 30.

Key issues for future of the BBC

From Professor Eric Barendt

Sir, The green paper, The Future of the BBC (reports and leading article, November 25), is silent on one key issue of constitutional importance why should our public broadcasting system be set up by royal charter and

The BBC's institution by charter. renewed every 15 years, makes its very existence dependent on the continued goodwill of government and enhances the insecurity it feels as a result of reliance on the licence fee. The government can revoke the charter at Moreover, if the BBC were set up by

statute MPs from both sides of the House would be able to influence the terms of its constitution. At the moment important restrictions are imposed on the corporation's freedom by a licence and agreement, which is not the subject of a detailed clause byclause debate in Parliament. Coupled with the prime minister's

monopoly power to nominate the BBC governors, the charter and the licence give the government an ability to influence public broadcasting, which seems hard to justify and is surely disturbing.

Yours faithfully. ERIC BARENDT, University College London, Faculty of Laws, Bentham House, Endsleigh Gardens, WC1. November 25.

NHS under pressure

From Professor T. J. Ryan and Professor R. D. R. Camp

are seeking to employ consultants whose future clinical activities are perceived to be better based in the community than in hospital departments. Consultant dermatologists have been under particular pressure to take on such sessions.

Although this system will have advantages for some, we are concerned that many patients may receive poorer quality dermatological care, because it is not cost-effective to equip every health centre with appropriate facilities for following through diagnosis, investigation and specialist treatment

eral practices will far exceed the number of available UK qualified dermatologists. Some may employ less expensive and less qualified dermatologists, perhaps from other

from hospital departments will result n disintegration of the essential hospital-based dermatological services needed for many patients. Furthermore, the erosion of academic centres will be to the major disadvantage of undergraduate and postgraduate teaching, the training of future dermatologists, research into skin disease and its treatment, and ul-

TERENCE J. RYAN (President, British Association of Dermatologists), RICHARD CAMP (Chairman, British Association of University Teachers of Dermatology). British Association of Dermatologists, 3 St Andrew's Place, Regent's Park, NW1.

From Professor Peter Sönksen

November 23.

Sir, Dr D. J. M. Wright (letter,

Child support From the Director of the Child Poverty Action Group

Sir, Mr Martin Symonds's view (letter, November 19) that the income support regulations are being changed to ensure that those people in receipt of maintenance will be able to keep a proportion without it affecting their benefit" is wrong. Every £1 of child maintenance received will continue to result in £1 decrease in income support.

Mr Symonds also refers to the scheme whereby the DSS can take over court orders when parents are not receiving maintenance on those orders regularly. However, the DSS does not pass on any maintenance recovered to the parent. It is only a system for ensuring that no families end up below income support level.

There is no such safeguard for those in receipt of family credit, the benefit for parents working at least 16 hours a week. When calculating family credit, the first £15 of maintenance is ignored. However, if an absent father is due to contribute more than £15 a week but does not pay up, the parent caring for the children will be worse off than if she was not due any maintenance at all.

People on family credit should at least be guaranteed not to lose out; but ministers have said that they cannot implement such a scheme.

Yours faithfully, FRAN BENNETT, Director. Child Poverty Action Group, 1-5 Bath Street, EC1.

From Professor Sir Alan Peacock, FBA, FRSE

Sir, Your leading article, "Public service" (November 25), is right to make the point that competition in and pricing of broadcasting services will offer viewers and listeners the best way to express their preferences. However, it avoids discussion of a vital issue.

Your implied suggestion that the BBC should be the only channel with an obligation to undertake publicservice broadcasting is highly undesirable. The essence of freedom of choice is that there must be access to alternative sources of supply of cultural goods as to other goods.

The independent companies must continue to provide news, discussion of current affairs, drama, music and the like, which help us to improve our understanding of the world around us. These companies have a franchise obligation to provide high-quality programmes and this offers a prima facie case for some form of public

funding.

Whether such funding should come from a "cut" of the BBC licence fee or from some other source is an open

are usually "gobsmacked" when they do their first 24 hours "on take".

expect to see less emergency activity in

the accident and emergency depart-

ment than in their previous job; but

inevitably they find not only that they

are more busy than before but that they are unable to admit all the sick

patients that they would like or would

have admitted previously because

They have to learn to come to terms

with "the London experience" -

having to send ill patients home

(through lack of beds) whom, in their

last job, they would have admitted

Accounting for the "true" popula-tion of a deprived inner city is not easy,

as was recently demonstrated in the

tragic air disaster in Amsterdam.

Capital cities have a substantial "hid-

den" population who manage to avoid

While planning the delivery of local

examined the number of people

registered with general practitioners

who have their practices in West

Lambeth health district and found a

total of 191,000. It is generally

accepted that at least 10 per cent of

people are not registered with a GP

(and it may be more in a deprived in-

ner-city area); this gives an estimate of

the local population of around

210,000 compared with the official

Office of Population Censuses and

Surveys' figures of less than 160,000

Tomlinson (who uses OPCS data)

makes some sensible suggestions on

how to improve primary care which

may or may not work. Does it really

make sense to cut more beds and close

hospitals which are overfull until

alternatives have been installed and

Our patients and GPs don't think

so, but they are very frightened by

Guy's and St Thomas' Medical

Department of Endocrinology

and Chemical Pathology,

Lambeth Palace Road, SE1.

- a substantial underestimate.

getting into "official" statistics.

without difficulty.

there are not enough available beds.

From all they read and are told, they

Yours sincerely. ALAN PEACOCK, The David Hume Institute. 21 George Square, Edinburgh 8.

"appropriate" number of hospital beds for our capital city. At St Thomas', our junior hospital doctors who come to London for the first time

Sir, Many GP fund-holding practices

The number of fund-holding genparts of the world.

Diversion of patients and funds

timately patient care. Politicians, health service managers, dermatologists and general practitioners should consider with care the consequences of such developments. The need for an organised policy and long-term planning is now urgent

Yours faithfully,

November 19) is right to raise the issue of how best to decide what is the

Flags aflame

shown to work?

Yours faithfully

what they have heard.

PETER SÖNKSEN,

and Dental School,

St Thomas Hospital.

From Mr John Godfrey

Sir. Quite the most intriguing aspect of the present flag-burning by French farmers is the implication that these people must have kept stocks of American and British flags somewhere to be handy for the next spontaneous demonstration against the Anglo-Saxons. It would certainly take me a day or two to get hold of a tricolore.

Or were these flags folded and put in the attic after they had been hung at upper windows in 1944? Yours faithfully,

J. GODFREY, 69 Kew Green. Richmond, Surrey. November 26.

VAT on books?

From Mr Patrick Cavendish Sir. Disturbing reports have reached

me that the government has been considering imposing VAT on books and publications - a retrograde step. The dissemination of knowledge is essential for our cultural development. If VAT were imposed on this company, for example, we would have to liquidate, dropping 110 devoted and hard-working people.

Yours faithfully. PATRICK CAVENDISH (Chairman). Eaglemoss Publications Ltd_

7 Cromwell Road, SW7.

Hard choice on Hong Kong future

From Sir Percy Cradock

Sir, Your leader of November 20 launches a violent attack on the "old China hands", the "former architects of China policy". You say that their policies have failed, their advice was pusillanimous, and that they are concerned, not with the welfare of Hone Kong, but with protecting their own shabby performance from exposure in the light of Mr Patten's reforms.

Since I am clearly one of your targets, perhaps I could comment. The policy I advocated, and still advocate, is one of quiet but tenacious ne-gotiation with Peking in the interests of Hong Kong, pressing hard, but avoiding open breaches and trials of strength for which Hong Kong will

have to pay.

The working principle has been that Hong Kong's welfare depends on Sino-British co-operation. If that is a pusillanimous policy, I plead guilty; and so must the ministers of two governments who endorsed it. A failed policy? It brought us. among other things, the Joint Declaration of 1984. Does The Times think that a failure? And where does it think Hong Kong would be now without

As regards the current crisis, everyone, in Britain at least, would like Hong Kong to be able to enjoy more democracy. That is not in issue. What is in issue is whether pushing on with the present constitutional proposals in the face of violent Chinese opposition will do Hong Kong, including Hong Kong democracy, more harm than

good in the long run.

The Chinese have said that if the proposals are implemented they will dismantle the present legislature and set up their own in 1997. The result will be a more repressive system. As confrontation deepens Chinese cooperation in other areas affecting Hong Kong is likely to be withdrawn and Chinese commitment to the Joint Declaration itself could be reduced.

The logic or fairness of the Chinese response is neither here nor there: what matters is whether they will carry out their threats. If we are sure they are bluffing, all well and good. If we believe, as I do, that they are serious, that is a different matter. We then have to judge whether Hong Kong will be best served by four years of improved democracy, set up in conditions of worsening Chinese hostility, and followed by a more repressive system of indefinite duration; or, on the other hand, modification of the present proposals to ensure that the legislature is preserved and that Chinese commitment to the Joint Declaration is not weakened.

and Hong Kong. Old China hands and all friends of Hong Kong are alive to it. You either do not grasp it, or choose to evade it. Either way, you seriously mislead your readers.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant, PERCY CRADOCK (Foreign Policy Adviser to the Prime Minister, 1984-92). c/o Reform Club, Pall Mall, SW1. November 26.

Guest detritus

From Mr David Moss

Sir. It is quite clear that Mr Eliot-Cohen's son's seven friends (letter. November 28) have every intention of being invited to stay again. The items they left behind — wellingtons, walking boots, jerseys etc. - suggest the next invitation should be a weekend in winter - presumably this winter.

Yours faithfully, DAVID MOSS, 73 Wroughton Road, SW11.

Sitting pretty? From Mr D. R. Tye

Sir, Your correspondents (November 16, 17, 18, 20,23, 25) speculate on an appropriate new filling for the Woolsack. Privatise the wool, I say, and give the sack to the Treasury.

Yours sincerely, D. R. TYE. Ridgecroft, Birch Grove, West Hill, Ottery St Mary, Devon.

From Mr Brian H. Taylor

Sir, At the risk of spoiling the fun, I suggest whoever sits on the Woolsack as we enter the 21st century would gain the greatest comfort from knowing that he or she presided over a democratically elected second chamber.

Yours faithfully. BRIAN H. TAYLOR, Silverstone. Ashley Park Road, Walton-on-Thames, Surrey.

From the Master of the Worshipful Company of Woolmen Sir. Why not wool?

Yours etc... BARRY H. JEFFERSON (Master, The Worshipful Company of Woolmen), Hanaper, 12 Bluebridge Road, Brookman's Park, Hatfield, Hertfordshire.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE November 30: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh, accompanied by The Princes Margares, Counters of Snowdon, this evening attended a Special Performance of Counter de Portugues. mance of Cyrano de Bergerae in aid of the Combined Theatrical Charities Appeals Council to mark the Fortieth Anniversary of Her Majesty's Accession, at the Theatre Royal, Haymarket, London SWI. Her Majesty and Their Royal

Highnesses were received by the Chairman of the Appeals Council (Lieutenant Colonel Sir John Johnston) and the President of the Theatre Royal (Miss Enid

The Lady Farnham, the Hon Mrs Wills, Mr Robin Janvin, Mr Charles Anson and Major James Patrick were in attendar KENSINGTON PALACE

November 30: The Prince of Wales today visited Sheffield and

was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for South York-shire (Lieutenant Colonel Hugh

Neilly.

His Royal Highness visited
Thornton Precision Forgings at
Lowther Road. The Prince of Wales later visited Barworth Flockton at Ecclesfield. Mr Hugh Merrill was in

ST JAMES'S PALACE November 30: The Duke of Kent this morning visited Joint Euro-pean Tourus Joint Undertaking, Abingdon and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Oxfordshire (Sir Ashley Persenby Rt) Ponsonby, Bt).

His Royal Highness this after-noon opened the new Civic Offices of the Vale of White Horse District Council, Abingdon, Captain the Hon Tom Coke was in attendance.

Dinners

Cardiff Business Club HM Lord Lieutenant for South Glamorgan, Captain N. Lloyd Edwards, the High Sheriff of South Glamorgan, Mr Alistair Golley, and the President of Cardiff Business Club, Sir Idwal

Pugh, were present at a dinner held by the Club at the Royal Hotel, Cardiff last night. The Guest Speaker was Mr Dafydd Wigley, MP, the President of Plaid Cymri Dr Tom Parry Jones. Chairman, Lion Laboratories plc.

The Chambers of Eric Somerset Jones, QC, held a dinner on Saturday at Middle Temple to

Luncheons

Royal Over-Seas League The Lord Mayor of Westminster was the guest of honour at a luncheon held yesterday at Over-Seas House, St James's.

Mr Peter McEntee, chairman and members of the central council were the bosts.

Farmers' Company

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Mr Adrian J. Tritton, Master of the Farmers' Company, presided at a luncheon held yesterday at Farmers' and Fletchers' Hall. The Masters of the Butchers', Gardeners' and Ironmongers' Companies were among the guests.

Terence Phipps of 50 years service as a clerk in Chambers, and to mark the occasion of his retirement as Senior Clerk. Among those present were Sir Cecil Clothier, KCB, QC, and the Hon Mr Justice Pill who made the presentation of a watercolour of Goldsmith Build ing on behalf of present and former members of Chambers.

elebrate the completion by Mr

Sir Richard Cooper, Bt On the occasion of the Royal Smithfield Show, Sir Richard Cooper, 8t, held the traditional dinner for agriculturalists at Claridon's for agriculturalists at Claridge's last night. Sir Richard proposed the toast "to Agriculture" and the Minister of Agriculture the Right Hon John Gummer, MP, replied.

Service luncheon

The Royal Irish Rangers Officers Club The Annual London Lunch of The Royal Irish Rangers Officers Club was held on Friday, November 27, 1992 at the Cadogan Hall, Duke of Yorks Headquarters, Kings Road, Major General R.N. Wheeler, CBE, presided.

Chapel closed

The Painted Hall and Chapel of the Royal Naval College Green-wich will be closed to the public until further notice.

Appointments in the Forces

Major General A.G.H. Harley to be Commander British Forces Cyprus and Administrator of the Sovereign Base Areas of Cyprus in March 1993 in succession to Air Vice-Marshal A.F.C. Hunter.

Air Commodore N.B. Baldwin to be Assistant Chief of the Defence Staff (Overseas) in February 1993 in the rank of Air Vice-Marshal in succession to Major General A.G.H. Harley.

BRIGADIERS: G A EWER-To be Comd
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LENNOX-TO MOD, 1.12.92.
COLONELS: T J Ludlam - to be Comd
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Armd Div HQ & Sig Regt; LP.
Lillywhite - to MS.
LELITERANT COLONELS: M W Cralg

Lillywhite - to MS.

LIEUTENANT COLONELS: M W Craig AGCSFS) - to RM(CS, 30.11.92; D J M Hall RA - to MOD, 30.11.92; M J Richards RCT - to ASMT, 30.11.92; M J Richards RCT - to ASMT, 30.11.92; C A Smith AGCSFS] - to MOD, 30.11.92; C A Smith AGCSFS] - to MOD, 30.11.92; P W Wilde Cheshire - to be CO HOg Bulford Area, 1.12.92; M I Botting AGC (SPS) - to be CO CO Hong Kong, 2.12.92; J K Ewbank R Signals - to be CO 35 Sig Rest, 30.11.92; D G Hayes 7 GB - to MOD, 1.12.92; ID Raley RA - to MOD, 30.11.92, E GORDON - to Royal Brunel Armed Forces 9.11.92; J P Van Lare - to Force Hospital Belize; J M Booth - to Cambridge Mil Hospital 7.12.92; M A Statuston - to HQ Scotland 7.12.92.

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BRIGADIER: L A Lees - L/RAMC
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6.12.92: M 8 White inte QO Hidrs,
5.12.92: D Boulton-L/RADC 30.11.92.
LIEUTENANT COLONELS: T H L
Bryson - RAMC 6.12.92.

GROUP CAPTAIN: P W Day - to Wittering 30.11.92; A G Hopper - to RAF Shawbury 1.12.92; W J Pike - to RAF Uzbridge 27.11.92. MAT Unbridge 27:11-92.
WING COMMANDER: P G Burge - to MOD 30.11-92; I E Cooper - to MOD 30.11-92; D J PROCK - to MOD 30.11-92; D J PROCK - to MOD 30.11-92; M J S Goddard - to RAF College Bracknell 30.11-92; C A Elkins - to D Spiffol(RAF) 30.11-92; C A Elkins - to D Spiffol(RAF) 30.11-92; T Kirby - to RAF Lyneham 30.11-92; RAF St Mawgan 23.11-92; B N Bolton - to HQ AFCENT RAFE 2.11-92; B.S. Pagetto 30 MU RAF Scaland 14.11-92; R Brooke - to 7MU RAF Quedgeley 16.11-92; G A Ashcroft - to MOD Harrogate 30.11-92.

University news

Professor Roger Williams to be Vice-Chancellor from October 1. 1993, on the retirement of Dr E.S.

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Appointments To personal chairs

Dr Mike Clark, Reader in Geog-raphy, Dr Makoolm Wagstaff, Reader in Geography, Dr Howard Wheal, Wellcome Reader in Neurophysiology, Dept of Physiology and Pharmacology. Readerships

Dr Andrew Brown, Dept of Electronics and Computer Sciences, Dr Angela Gurnell, Dept of Geography, David Jones, Deptof Pathology, Dr Peter Figueroa, School of Education

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will hold an investiture at Buckingham Palace at 11.00. The Duke of Edinburgh, as pairon and trustee, will attend receptions for young people who have reached gold standard in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award at St James's Palace at 11.30 and 4.00; and as President and Honorary and as President and Honorary and as President and Honorary Life Fellow of the Royal Society for the Encouragement of Aris, Manufactures and Commerce, will attend a dinner and present the Albert Medal at the Society's

House at 7.20. The Prince of Wales, as Patron of the Atlantic Salmon Trust, will attend the Council of Manageattend the Council of Manage-ment meeting at Fishmongers' Hall at 12.15; as President of the Royal College of General Prac-titioners, will attend a reception for the Commission on Primary Care at the college at 6.00; and, as President of the Prince's Youth Business Trust and The Prime's Business Trust and The Prince's Trust, will give a dinner for trust supporters at Kensington Palace at

Annointment

Appointments

Mr Peter Collier, QC, has been become Chancellor of the Wakefield Diocese. The Rev Manrem Alichin, parish deacon, Southwick, to be Parish deacon, Stortington (Chichester). The Rev Vivienne Amstrong-MecDonnell, parish deacon, Crediton and Shobrooke: to be diocesan adviser in Adult Trabning (Exerci). The Rev Chris Bracegirdle, team vicar, East Farmworth and Kearsley: to be Vicar, St Stephen, Astiey Manchester). The Rev Chris Breeds, team vicar, Addrington: to be Priesa-in-charge. Hove, St Andrew (Chichester). The Rev Anthony Brown, formerly team vicar, Langley Marish (Oxford): to be vicar, St Mary, Peterborough. The Rev John Cohen, non-supendiary minister, Raydon w Holton St Mary: to be priesa-in-charge. Bidesson w Wantisham and Lindsey (St Edmundsbury and Ipawich). The Rev Canon Brian Cordingly: to be an Honorary Canon Emeritus of Manchester Cathedral (Manchester). The Rev Trevor Critchiow, curate, St John the Baptist, Croydon: to be assistant priest, St Mary, Lewisham (Southwart).

The Rev Robert Giles, formerly USPG area representative to be rector, Broughon w Loddington and Cransley and Thorpe Malsor (Peterborough).

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The Rev Maithew Grayshon, vicar, Hallwood (Chester): to be vicar, St May w St Christopher. Hanwell (Loudon).

The Rev Roy Greenland, vicar.
Northampton St Alban (Peter-borough): to be rector, Waldron

Chichester). The Rev Canon John Gunstone: to be an bonorary canon emeritus of Manchester Cathedral (Manchester). The Rev John Heath, rector, Moreton-hampstead. North Bovey and Mananon: to be priest-in-charge, Lifton, Kelly w Bradstone and Broadwoodwidger (Ezeter).

chapiain to Missions to Seamen.
Tesside (York).
The Rev Martin Jewin, vicar, Parish of
the Ascension, Balham Hill
(Southwark), to be rector, St Agnes,
North Reddish (Manchester).
The Rev Norman Jones, vicar, Chris-

8.00. The Princess of Wales, as Patron of the British Deaf Association, will attend the launch of the British sign language dictionary at the City Livery Club. at 11.00.

Prince Edward will attend the 1992 Radio Times Comedy and Drama Awards presentation and lumber at the Mayfair Hotel at

The Princess Royal, as President of Riding for the Disabled Association, will open the Riding Complex. Balls Lane. Willington, Bedford, at 10.10; will attend the BPCC 'Thank You' luncheon at RPCC Printing Works. Durseable BPCC Printing Works, Dunstable, at 11.55; as President of the Save the Children Fund, will visit Britannia Airways at Luton Air-port at 1.35; and as President of the National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs, will attend the Royal Smithfield Show at Earls Court at 4.00. Later, as Master of the Loriners' Company, will attend the annual livery dinner of the

Church, Kowloon (Hong Rong): to be team rector. St Mary the Virgin, Eccles Team Ministry (Manchesser). The Rev Myra Leppard, parish deacon, Brighton the Good Shepherd: now parish deacon. Patcham South (Chichester).

Chichester).
The Rev Tom McAlister, permission to officate Hursham Episcopal Area: to be priest-in-charge. Lynchmere (thichester)

Church news

Carpenters' Hall at 6.45. Princess Margaret will attend a luncheon at London Lighthouse at 1.00; and visit an exhibition to mark World Aids Day mounted jointly with the Borough of Ken-

sington and Chelsea The Duchess of Gloucester will attend a gala performance by Clonter Opera for All in the Britten Theatre, Royal College of Music.

The Duke of Kent, Patron of the Tree Council, will attend the president's dinner at the Cavahy and Guards Club at 7.45. The Duchess of Kent, Patron of the Anthony Nolan Bone Marrow Trust, will attend a reception at the Honourable Artillery Company, Armoury House, at 7.30 to meet members of the trust.

Princess Alexandra will attend the opening of the Samsung Gallery of Korean Art at the Victoria and Albert Museum at 6.30.

Birthdays today

Mr Woody Allen, director, 57; Professor Norman Browse, presi-dent, Royal College of Surgeons, 61; Mr Anthony Coe, chief Onsable, Suffolk, 51; Mr Gordon Crosse, composer, 55; Mr Mike Denness, cricketer, 52; Miss Eva-



Mr Stephen Poliakoff, the playwright, is 40 today

assoluta, 44: Lord Glencouner, 66: Dame Alicia Markova, prima ballerina assoluta, 82; Mr Keith Michell, actor, 64; Miss Bette Midler, singer and actress, 47; Sir William Pile, civil servant, 73; Major-General Sir Desmond Rice, 68; Dame Mildred Riddelsdell, civil servant, 79; Mr Andy Ripley, rugby player, 45: Lord Roll of lpsden, 85; Mr Lee Trevino, golfer, 53; Baroness Willoughby de Eresby, 58.

Appointment

Mr Justice Brooke to be chairman

Forthcoming marriages

Mr G.T. Baker and Miss S.R.V.G. Hinton

The engagement is announced between Gerard, youngest son of Mr and Mrs P.S. Baker, of Welling, Kent, and Sally, youngest daughter of Major and Mrs E.G. Hinton, of Beziey, Kent.

Mr J.K. Dewhorst and Miss V.A.L. Copels

The engagement is amnounced between James, eldest son of Dr and Mrs J.K. Dewhurst, of Wokingham, Berkshire, and Veronica. younger daughter of Professor and Mrs J.R.M. Copeland, of Hoylake, Wirral.

Mr J.D.S. Fricker . and Miss E.J. Cherk

The engagement is announced between Jeremy, youngest son of Mr and Mrs J.S. Fricker, of Liss, Hampshire, and Jane, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs N. Clark, roe, Lancashire.

Mr J.C.H. Price and Miss E.L. Hudson

The engagement is announced between Justin, younger son of Mr and Mrs Hilton. Price, of Langshott, Honley, Surrey, and Emma, only daughter of Mr Richard and the late Mrs Averil Hudson, of Limpsfield, Surrey.

Mr J.N. Reddyhough and Miss I. Nadaraja

The engagement is announced between Julian, only son of Mr and Mrs Kenneth J. Reddyhough, of Broxbourne, Hertfordshire, and Ingrid, eider daughter of Mr and Mrs Thiaga Nadaraja, of Ballincar, Sligo, Ireland.

navel commander and historian, Washington, 1914; Vincent

D'Indy, composer, Paris, 1931; Samuel Courtland, industrialist

and art patron, London, 1947; Sir

Peter Buck, anthropologist and Maori statesman, Honolulu, 1951: John Burdon Haldane,

scientist, Bhubaneswar, India,

The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs Jeremy Ropner, of Bedale, North Yorkshire, and Suzanne, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ivor Roberts, of Bradford-on-Tone, Somerse

Mr D.G.R. Rose and Miss V.M. Sinclair

The engagement is announced between Daniel, son of Sir Christopher and Lady Rose, of Henbury, Cheshire, and Victoria, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Sinclair, of York.

Mr A.V.S. Smith and Miss S. Gwynne The engagement is announced between Alastair, son of Mr V.A.

Smith and the late Mrs Theresa Smith, of Barnes, London, and Sarah, elder daughter of the late Mr E. St.J. Gwynne and of Mrs W.R. Merton and stepdaughter of Mr W.R. Merton, of Headley,

Marriage

Mr N. Haining

The marriage took place on Saturday, November 28, 1992, in the Chapel of St Faith, St Paul's Cathedral of Nicholas Haining, only son of Mr Thomas N. Haining, CMG, and Mrs Patricia Haining, of Brechin, Angus, to Helen Quinn, only daughter of Mrs Whilfred Erickson and the late Mr Joseph Quinn, of Runcorn, Cheshire. A reception was held at the Apothecanes Hall. The honeymoon will be spent abroad, in the

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: John Keill, philosopher, Edinburgh, 1671; Marie Tussand, founder of the waxwork exhibition, Strasbourg, 1761; Prime Minister of Israel 1948-53 and 1955-63, Tel-Aviv, 1973. The Royal Academy of Arts was Alexandra, Oueen Consort of King founded, London, 1768. Edward VII. Copenhagen, 1844; Lady Astor became the first woman to take her seat in the Ernst Toller, dramatist, Samoschin, Germany, 1893. House of Commons, 1919. DEATHS: King Henry I, reigned 1100-35, Lyons-la-Föret, 1135; St Francis Xavier, Jesuit missionary, Shang-chua, China, 1552; St Edmund Campion, Jesuit martyr, executed, London, 1581; Sir **Bristol Society** James Ware, antiquary, Dublin, 1666; George Birkbeck, physician and educator, London, 1841; Sir George Everest, military engineer, London, 1866; Alfred Mahan,

The Lord-Lieutenant of Avon, the Chairman of Avon County Council, the Chairman of Northavon District Council and the Deputy Lord Mayor of Bristol were present at a lecture given for the society at the University of the West of England last night. The speaker was Mrs Margaret Beckett, the Deputy Leader of the Labour Party. Mr St John Hartnell, the Chairman of the Society, presided. Mr Alfred Morris, the Vice-Chancellor of the University was host a

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History prize

The Routledge Ancient History Prize for 1992 has been awarded to Vasily Rudich of Yale University

for his study, Political Dissidence

Under Nero: The price of dis-simulation. The book will be

published by Routledge in 1993. The prize is awarded annually.

Entries are now invited for the

1993 prize. Two copies should be

sent, to arrive by August 31, 1993.

to Richard Stoneman, Routledge,

II New Fetter Lane, London, EC4P 4EE.

FAX: 071 481 9313

HARCIS - Veira Lickies' Harcus, A.R.R.C. aged 106. Widow of the Reverend Dr. Drummanon Harcus, O.B.E. Dear mother of Jenn Walber. Great Anneed! Vicerage. Grandmother of Legh. Clair. To trummond and Mary and great-grandmother. Graieff subsend of Evelyn (Eve) and thomics to the D.G.A.L. Vicerage Cale. for their love and Crea. HARRIS - On November 29th 1992. Mary Dorottor, aged 51 years Beloved wife of Gerald E. Harris, F.C.A. and 101. The South of The South 1992. Mary Dorottor, aged 191 years. Beloved wife of Gerald E. Harris, F.C.A. and 102. The South of The South 1992. Mary Dorottor, aged 191 years. Beloved wife of Gerald E. Harris, F.C.A. and 103. Robbert of The South 1992. Mary Dorottor, aged 191 years. Beloved wife of Gerald E. Harris, F.C.A. and 104. Service at St. Maryaret's 2 pm on Thursday Docember 3rd, tollowed by cremelion at Thursday Docember 3rd, tollowed by cremelion. HOME - On 28th November. Maj. Gen. Sir. Ralph Mc.C.M.C. K.B.E. M.C. Q.C. 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COLLER-BARI - To Richard and Elizabeth the Joyous gift of a daughter. Macay Catherine. Born November 17th in Naman, Bahannas. DALTOS - On November 17th 1992 at Queen Charlotte's Materially Hospital, to Jennie (née Kesne) and Andrew, a daughter. Elizabeth Ann, a sister for Asigali, Frederick and Bertsmill. PRABICEL - On November 26th 1992, to Denise (née Goudston) and Oliver, a son, Harry Irving, a brother for Emily. HOWARTH - On November 27th 1992, to Tania (née C. POLLINGTON LIMITED Registered number: 888825. Trading name: Dream Home Richess, Nakire of business Home Improvements. Trade disstitutions improvements. Trade disstitutions improvements. Trade disstitutions in the state of appointment of administrative receivers. 20th November: 1992. Name of her near segoniting the administrative receivers: Mediand Bank Pic. John Administrative Receivers. E.D. Goodman, PCA and k.P. Berry. FCA (office helder nou19407 and 6743) of Leonard Curty & Co., P ther. 555. 50 Eastbearner Itemach. Landon W2 GLF. DEALYTON CORSOLIDATED ARCHER - On November 29th. peacefully at home aged 72. Ronald Albert Archer O.B.E., C.Eng., M.A., F.LE.R., belowed husband of Elizabeth, lather of Michael, hather-in-law to Sophie, grandfather ("Go") of Henry, Bertle and Alice, Funeral private. No flowers please, Donathons, if desired, to the Blakeney Twelve. THE PASCLVENCY ACT 1986 METRO POSTER ADVERTISHES GLOREONO LTD. 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DRAYTON CONSOLIDATED TRUST PLC (in Members' voluntary Limidation) Comments Number 214.176 NOTICE TO THE GREINTORS OF DRAYTON CONSOLIDATED TRUST PLC On 27 November 1992 the comsamy was placed in members' voluntary was placed in members' was placed in member PUBLIC NOTICES CHARTY COMMESSION CHARTY - Revened E G Hobbouse's Clustiable Bequest The Commissionses propose to make a Scheme for this charity. A copy of the draft Scheme can be obtained by swiding a stamped addrased envisions to St Alban's House, 57/50 Hasymarket, London, 58/150 Hasymarket, Comments SW17 400 tenting refereuce. BOY-185742-CD-LING. Comments or representations can be made within one month from today. ARROLD - On November 28th 1992. tragically. Elizabeth Anne eged 17 of Wolkingham. beloved younger daughter of Peter and Jegifer. sister of Rosethary and Christopher. (0722) 415136. COTTON - On November 29th peacefully in Liverpool, Elfreda. 9ged 100. widow of Vere and beloved mother or Simon, Robin and Heary, A supte. Delet this 30th day of Noviember 1992. MCKENNA & CO.. of Mine Mouse. 160 Alderspaie Street. Lendon ECLA 40th. Selicitor, for Perrangi-Thomson Sopar Systems UK Limited Simon, Robin and Heary, A loving grandmother and great-grandmother and great-grandmother the private. A Thankspiving Service will be held in Liverpool Cathedral on Friday January 15th at 12.30 pm. EVELYN - John Michael, C.B., suddenly on November 28th, 1992, at home, Sadity missed by family and friends, Finneral to be arranged. EVERAND - On 30th November 1992 to Sydony, Australia, Jennifer Edizabeth Mary, sister to Jacqueline Street, London EULA 401. Scheliches for Ferman-Transcon Scaler Systems UK Limited No. 1992 v 30645 N. 1992 v 30645 N. 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Newman Ltd., Funeral Directors. Griffin House. 56 Winchester Street. Salisbury. SP1 1 HL tel: (0722) 413136. BIRTHDAYS MASH - On November 28th 1992. Margaret Isabella Nash. of High Lane. Cheshire. Beloved danghter of the lake Rev. Canon T.J. Nash of Bittles. Safer of Patricia Gachert. Service at St. Thomas' Church. High Lane. on Thursday December 3rd at 2 pm prior to committee at Stockport. Cremshorium at 3 pm. Dossafions. Heri of dovers. In U.S.P.G.. c/o Jonathan Alcock & Sons Lid.. Brook House. Brook Road. Cheadle Side 1PQ tel: (061) 428-2097. Australia, Jennier Euzaben, Mary, eister to Jacqueline and George, Donations to Cancer Relief Machillan Fund, 15 British Street, London SW3 312. Hospital. to Polit and Kent Philippen, a beautiful baby boy. Michael, a brother for Brent and Jestica. BETVELD - On November 28th at The Portland Hospital, bo Marina (nde Logie) and Hams. a wonderful son Alistat Hams. BOSINISON - On November 29th, at Queen Charlotte's and Cheisea Hospital, bo Lionel and Meredith. a beautiful son. Rex John Geoffrey. SANGSTER-BULLERS - On November 23rd, to Roo and CONTRACTS R V Y Senchina, Joint Liquidation. ENC ELIROPPE LTD. (in Members') Voluntary Liquidation) MCSC TO Liquidations' MCSC TO Liquidations' MCSC TO Liquidation and Devid Bryden Devideon of Arthur Andersyn. Level 18, 209 Queen Street. Auckland. New Zeeland. was appointed Liquidator by the Members. The Liquidation gives notice pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rule 1 1985 that the cremions of the company must seel the Rule 1.182A of the Insolvency Rule 1.1985 that the cremions of the company to David Bryden Davidson. c/o Arthur Andetrees. Level 18, 209 Queen Street. Auckland. New Zeeland. by 15 February 1993. The Liquidator site gives notice under the provision of Rule 4.182A(6) that on 16 Merch 1995 he pitched to make a flow return to creditors who have storighted to their by 18 February 1992 and that there will be no furniture distribute there will be no furniture in full. Date: 20th November 1992 David Bryden Davidson. Liquidator. BARR - On 26th November 1992, in Northern Ireland. Major John Barr, the Princess of Waler's Royal Regiment, beloved husband of Poppy, devoted father of Civia. Funeral all St. Luke's Church, Milland, on Friday 4th December 1992 at 2.30pm. Family flowers only, Donations, if desired, to the Army Benevolent Fund. Exquiries to Petersfield Funeral Services on 0730-262711. JUDGE - On 26th November. peacefully, Maryarel Judge, beloved mother of lan and Maureen, Cremation at West, Herts Crematorium at 12,30pm on 3rd December 1990 The lot. 1996 Maphetain ... -- not Products Limited. (c. : inside long) NOTING B HENESY GIVEN that John Colm Statistevarth of Santiseverth & Co. 20 Hilleroft. Longition. Even Kilo 279, was appointed Liquidation of the gade Company by the creditors on 14th October 1992. Dated this 20th day of November 1992. J.C. Shottlisworth. Liquidator. MEMORIAL SERVICES & TENDERS MEMORIAL SERVICES BARLOW - A Memorial Service for Knithsen (Gay) Barlow of Johannesburn, South Africa, will be held at 10 am on Friday 11th December at the Church of Instaculate Conception, Moori Street, London, Moori Street, London - A Memorial Service for Rosie Rodd Baldwin will be held on Wetonsday 2nd December at 11.18 am, St. Jamen's Church, Piccarilly - and not as previously stanounced. 28LSY - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Str Kenneth Selbsy Kt. Bakch, will be held on Friday December 18th at Bath Abbey at 12 noon. London SW3 31Z. FLATHER - On November 28th at Barlow, Denis Gerald aged 81 years, dearly loved bankand of Joan and father of Yvonme, Gary, Diama and Michael and dear Muradad of Stephen, Nigel, Martin, Roger, Michaele, Georgina, Alistair, Rowena and Dadadad of Harvey, Sophe and Katle, Fumeral Service at SI John's Church, Rammoor, Shaffield. Thursday December 3rd at 2.30 pm followed by cremation. Family flowers only please. Donations payable to Multiple Scienosis Research may be sent to John Heath and Sons Funeral Directors, Sheffield. BRAZILIAN NAVAL COMMISSION IN EUROPE NOTICE OF PUBLIC TENDER NOTICE OF PUBLIC TENDER NOTICE OF PUBLIC TENDER NOTICE IS DAMINE STORM THAT THE BACE IS DAMINE STORM THAT THE BACE IS DAMINE STORM THAT THE BACK THAT THE BACK TO THE THAT THE BACK TO TH KEEBLE - Gordon Statnes. Peacefully at home on November 25th, Gordon Beloved husband of Janel. 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Solidy missed by his wife Cooking and all his family. Service and cremation at the Robin Hood Cometery. Solihati. on Fridgy 4th December at 2.30 pm. Fumily flowers only but donations. If desired, to the British Heart Foundation. KOLBERT - Arthur, hasband of Dorothy for 61 years, died at Barnstaple on 26th November aged 88. Funeral Directors, Sheffield. FORWARD - On November 28th 1992, in houstail, Codirey Ernest, aged 86 years, after a long limes, of Marnhall, Dorsel. Much loved husband of Roth and father of Jeruifer and Wendy, Formerly Consultant, Engineer in East Africa, Funeral Service at Yeovil Orematorium on Friday December 4th at 11.30 am. No flowers please but donations, if degired, for Water Ald may be sent to Bracher Brothers F/D. Gillingham. Dursel, let: (0747) 822494. MAHON (Formerly Brennan) on 26th November 1992. Maura Patricia. 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EMILIO PUCCI

Emilio Pucci, Marchese di Barsento, Italian conturier and parliamentary deputy for Florence, 1963-72, died in Florence on November 29 aged 78. He was born in Naples on November 20. 1914.

STRANGE though it may seem for a man who became an internationally-renowned fashion name within a remarkably short time from the appearance of his first collection, Emilio Pucci almost idled his way into the fashion business. From a wealthy family, with a doctorate in political science and after a distinguished career in the Italian air force, he happened, in 1947, to be photographed in America wearing ski clothes of his own design. These were seen and taken up by Harper's Bazaar and within another year he was creating women's ski wear. Next year he opened his own shop on Capri; by 1950 he had founded the fashion house Emilio and from that point on it was simply essential for the welldressed woman to have some items by Pucci in her wardrobe

Pucci revolutionised sports and beach wear, using strong prints and bold colours in arresting abstract patterns. He often drew inspiration for these from such sources as the devices on Italian medieval banners and shields. A collection by Pucci could put the casual observer in mind of that riot of flags waved at the palio. the breathaking horse-race which has been held annually through the streets of Siena since medieval times. Yet a Pucci collection would, at the same time, be utterly contemporary in idiom and impact. The clothes of Pucci became the visual signature of the 1950s and early 1960s and signed shifts by him have become collectors' items. Small wonder that for many people, especially in an England dragging itself wearily away from the colour-starved immediate postwar years, his striking printed silk sports epitomised Italian

Florence was the ancestral



Classic grace: Pucci and model Claudia Mendico in characteristic patterned shift

home of the Pucci family and, like so many of his Renaissance forebears, he was a man of catholic tastes and pursuits. He was sportsman, politician. soldier, aristocrat and artist, and a keen hunter and skier. For many years before his marriage, in 1959, to Cristina Nannina di Casabianca, a Florentine girl of ethereal, Botticelli-like beauty, he was one of Europe's most eligible

Marchese Emilio Pucci di Barsento came from one of Italy's oldest families, which was linked to the former Russian Imperial house. But he grew up with a very far from Eurocentric vision of the world and his education was cosmopolitan. After two years at Milan University from 1933 to 1935 he went to America, where he studied first at the University of Geor-

bachelors.

gia and then at Reed College, Portland, Oregon, taking a degree in social sciences. His sojoum in America gave him a fluent command of English. He was later (1941) to be awarded a doctorate in political science at Florence.

In 1938 he joined the Italian air force, where during the war he served as a pilot in torpedo bombers. After being captured by the Allies he made a point of asserting his strong personality as an "unco-operative" prisoner to his captors.

His first collection of ski and sports clothes for Harper's Bazaar laid the foundation stone of a fashion empire based in the Florentine street which bears his name, but he soon followed in the footsteps of Schiaparelli as the second Italian couturier to establish a reputation on the international stage. A shop at the Canzo-

ne del Mare in Capri was followed in 1949 by a small tailoring shop in Florence which extended abroad the "Original Emilio Sportswear" the following year. Emilio Pucci considered

that his greatest contribution to fashion was to bring women from city clothes into sports clothes. In precise terms this meant the widely-adopted scarf shirt, stretch elastic pants, the introduction of a gossamer fine silk jersey and the popularisation of hostess "palazzo" pyjamas. Above all. however, Emilio Pucci will be remembered for the explosion of colour he introduced: harmonious blends and neat patterns were replaced by vivid. contrasting colours and dramatic designs. all copiously signed with the word

Emilio" In 1963 following the death

of the incumbent, Pucci became Liberal parliamentary deputy for Florence. It was characteristic of him that he regarded this as no mere sideline. He sat on the House's social security and labour committees and in 1970 caused a furore when he attempted to promote a bill in parliament to ban the Italian siesta. He felt that Italy's urban pollution problems would be much ameliorated if the workforce had to use its cars only twice, instead of four times each day, to get to and from the workplace. He claimed that retail trade, too. would be much better served if shops worked through until 5pm. One old fashion rival specied: "The ladies who frequent my establishment don't even leave their homes before Pucci was involved in a

multitude of other business enterprises. For a time he designed an original line of ceramics and bottled a special vin rosé from his family vineyards. He opened Pucci boutiques in sports resorts and several major cities including Rome, Paris and New York He designed girdles and bathroom accessories for manufacturers in America and in 1966 he launched "Vivara", his own perfume.

In addition, having conquered the world stage he was anxious to do something for Florence itself, where he saw native craft excellence under assault from mass-produced goods. Behind the stone walls of the Palazzo Pucci he resuscitated the production of handwoven rhinestone and bead embroidery, while in another 'factory" on the banks of the Arno silk was woven on ancient handlooms which would not have been out of place in Leonardo da Vinci's times.

Emilio Pucci was a man who enjoyed life and the exercise of his own talents. A forceful personality and a great showman he liked to compere his own fashion shows, larding his commentary with risque anecdotes.

He leaves his widow. Cristina, his son and his daughter. Laudomia, who is now at the head of the fashion

SUNNIE MANN

Sunnie Mann, the wife of the former British Beirut bostage and second world war hero, Jackie Mann, died yesterday aged 79. She was born in Weston-Super-Mare on July 19. 1913.

SUNNIE Mann's huge blue framed spectacles became a distinctive feature on numerous television chat shows after her former Spitfire pilot hus-band, Jackie, was kidnapped in May 1989 and held hostage in Lebanon until September 1991. She campaigned with determination to gain her husband's freedom and, once that goal was attained, basked in the attention paid her by journalists, diplomats and minor royalty at the whiri of cocktail parties and receptions that followed his release. She viewed this as a fitting reward for the 29 terrifying months spent waiting alone in west Beirut through some of the worst shelling in Lebanon's civil war.

In many ways, while they were devoted to each other, the Manns were not well-suited as a couple, as both freely admit-ted. She was out-going, he was retiring. He loved planes, she loved animals. They often fought like cat and dog and, for years in Beirut, even lived in separate - but adjoining apartments.

They had been the last British couple living in Mos-lem west Beirut. They stayed on, they said, because they hated the British climate, lacked the funds to live elsewhere abroad and considered themselves too old and insignificant to be in any danger of kidnapping. Sunnie's book Holding On, published in 1990, described the privations of her solitary life after her husband's capture as she struggled to make ends meet. A heavy smoker, she would lug heavy containers of water up five flights of stairs to their apartment in Raouche, which was often without running

water or electricity. With no word from the kidnappers until just days before Jackie's release, she never knew if she was waiting in vain. Seven months after his abduction, her dog Tara was stolen which was another



traumatic incident for a woman who was an ardent pet lover all her life. Sunnie Mann's courage

and single-mindedness was present from childhood. Born into a reasonably well-do-to family in Weston-Super-Mare, she was sent to a private girls' school, which she hated. At 16, she rebelled and ran away to London. A year later she married one of her father's closest friends, a wealthy man 22 years her senior. It was a disastrous marriage that ended after less than three years leaving her with a daughter, Jennifer. She had no more children.

During the second world war Sunnie Mann worked as volunteer driver for the St John Ambulance Brigade, experiencing some of the worst of the London Blitz. A shrapnel wound abruptly ended this career. She loved the heady atmosphere of war-time London, counting actors like Basil Rathbone as close friends and going to pubs popular with pilots and other servicemen. In her mid-20s, she married her second husband, a Royal Marines officer called Keith McWhirter, whom she had met just three days before. Months later, he was killed in action.

Encouraged by one of the great pioneer plastic surgeons, Archie McIndoe, Sunnie Mann began helping to rehabilitate fighter pilots and bomber crews who had sustained severe burns. This was how she met a 26-year-old sergeant pilot, Jack Mann, at the Dorchester Hotel. He had suffered terrible burns when

his Spitfire landed in flames in a field in Kent. They married at Croydon registry office in 1943 but

were separated by work for much of the last two years of the war. Sunnie was employed in the fur department at Harrods and lived in a large apartment in Knightsbridge where she took in lodgers.

The end of the war left them free but rudderless. Her dangless to be took in lodgers.

daughter. Jennifer, was living in the country with her grandmother. Jackie used his demobilisation pay to buy as 60-foot decommissioned boat hoping to smuggle cigarettes from France into Britain. But they gave this up after a narrow escape on their first trip to Le Havre. In the summer of 1945, the Manns made their first trip to the Middle East. A year later, they moved to Being, where Mr Mann was offered a job with the fledgling national carrier. Middle East Airlines.

The couple loved the Lebanese capital from the begin-ning and they lived there for the next 45 years. During Beirut's heyday as the Paris of the Middle East in the 1950s and 1960s, they enjoyed a hectic social life and had a wide circle of friends. Sunnie Mann became the first woman in Lebanon to run a riding club. But the quality of of their lifestyle rapidly deteriorated with the first rumblings of civil war in the early 1970s. They became trapped between ever-shifting front-lines, spent days at a time in underground shelters and lived in constant fear of car-bombs. Palestinian gunmen wilfully killed several of Mann's horses. Twenty-two more died in an Israeli air raid during the 1982 invasion. which Sunnie Mann always described as being worse than the Blitz

Following Jackie's release from captivity — he had been the eldest of the Western hostages held by pro-tranian kidnappers in Beinit - and his spell of recuperation in England, the couple settled in Cyprus. He was at her bedside for much of the two weeks she was in hospital before she

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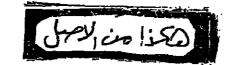
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Lamont faces audit enquiry

■ Pressure on Norman Lamont increased as a National Audit Office investigation was announced into the use of public funds to pay part of the legal fees incurred by the Chancellor in the eviction of an unwanted tenant.

As Mr Lamont tried to restore his battered authority it emerged that that Sir John Bourn, the comptroller and auditor general, is to examine the £4,700 payment from the Treasury to Mr Lamont's solicitors.

Britain doubles Bosnia refugee intake

Britain is to double its intake of Bosnian refugees by accepting a further 3,400 for settlement from the former Yugoslavia. The Government announced that 1,000 asylum seekers and up to three family members each will be allowed to settle in the United Kingdom

Fishermen lost

Three fisherman were lost during driving wind and rain off Padstow, north Cornwall. A slow-moving front has brought the wettest November to the South West for more than 30 years causing flooding in several areas of south and west .. Page 3

High cost Labour

The highest council tax bills are all likely to be in Labour-controlled authorities, with average bills of more than £650 per household, according to the first nationwide estimate of the new Page 4

Expulsion penalty

State schools may face financial penalties if they exclude too many pupils, ministers said in a consultation document intended to prevent the creation of an underclass of teenagers receiving little formal education Page 5

Uneven pay limit

The government's 1.5 per cent pay limit will not apply evenly to all public-sector employees, according to a confidential Treasury document Page 8

Chinese pressure

Peking tried to turn Hong Kong's nervous business community against the democractic The sale in London next month reforms of Chris Patten, the governor, by saying it would not honour any contracts, leases or agreements signed in Hong Kong before 1997 without China's approval ...

Arson charge

The German state prosecutor's office is to charge a 19-year-old right wing extremist living in the same village where an arson attack last Monday killed three Turkish immigrants Page 12

Iran buys subs

Iran has bought three dieselpowered Kilo class submarines from Russia, Rear Admiral Abbas Mohtaj, the country's navy commander, said. But he gave no hint of when the boats would all be in service.. Page 13

Maastricht rebellion

Tory Euro-rebels said that they would fight against moves to block a referendum amendment to the Maastricht treaty bill, which returns to the Commons today for what is expected to prove a stormy committee stage. Michael Morris, the deputy Speaker, told MPs that he would take a tough line Page 10

TV sex guide

Carlton Television, which takes over ITV broadcasting from Thames in London at midnight on New Year's eve, is planning The Good Sex Guide, a sevenpart series described as adult education

Maxwell sale

of more than 600 lots of the contents of Headington Hall, Robert Maxwell's rented Oxforshire home, should fetch more than £300,000 for Max-......Page 11 well's receivers...

Harley Street doctor jailed for rape

■ Thomas Courtney, a Harley Street gynaecologist, was jailed for seven years for raping or indecently assaulting four women visiting his surgery. The judge told him: "There can be no doubt your conviction at this court means the end of your career and a career which I am prepared to accept has done some good to a great many people"......Pages 1, 3



Water everywhere: Bob Handford, a water board employee, carries his son Thomas through floods at Chew Stake near Bristol. Page 3

Property crisis: Receivers have been called into Rosehaugh, the property group that owns 50 per cent of Rosehaugh Stanhope Developments which built the

Broadgate and Ludgate develop-

ments in London Page 21 Green shoots: The Bank of England provided cautious evidence that the consumer may at last be starting to stir. Provisional figures for the narrow money supply, which tends to be a good guide to consumer demand, showed its fastest growth for any month this

... Page 21

Markets: Shares reached another closing record in London, with the FT-SE rising 18.7 to 2778.8. The pound was almost unchanged with the Bank of England trade-weighted index rising 0.1 to close at 78.5. Sterling rose 0.47 cents to close at \$1.5152 but slipped 0.23 pfennigs to DM2.4163. Page 21

Secret replay: The Football Association ordered Peterborough United to replay their FA Cup first round tie with non-league Kingstonian behind closed doors. Peterborough beat Kingstonian 9l in a replay but the Diadora League side lost their goalkeeper when he was struck on the head by Page 40

Rugby league: A blueprint for the future of the game proposes a return to a discarded past, with the scrapping of three divisions after only two seasons and a return to two leagues from next yearPage 36 | Page 11

Body detectives: When disaster strikes, Philip Lewis and his team are first on the scene to identify the dead, and help the living. Page 14 Light house: Treatment of Alzheimer's disease takes a step forward with the opening of a home for patients at an advanced stage of the

... Page !4 Bottom line: The 1.5 million people in Britain who suffer from osteoarthritis of the knee, could be

Staring at big brother: The public scrutiny of government agencies will bring benefits to us all, says Edward Fennell Page 28

Boris Yeltsin's polit-

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Top of the Christmas pops: Freddie Mercury is favourite but do not discount Rod Stewart, Cliff Richard or the World Wrestling Federa-., Page 29 tion Superstars Cathedral crown: A 18ft by 9ft cor-

ona set with candles, suspended above the altar, was commissioned after a competition to find a work of art for Hereford cathedral Page 29 Canadian specific: Edinburgh's Traverse Theatre has the British premiere of an "extraordinary".

play by the Edmonton-based author Brad Fraser Page 30 Brief encounter: Japanese director Yukio Ninagawa, interviewed on his production of The Tempest at the Barbican.

Sunnie Mann, the flamboyant and cou-

rageous wife of Jackie

Mann, who was held

inside the palace: Michael Shea, the Queen's former press secretary, writes Detrimental media coverage of the Royal Family, their doings and undoings, is nothing new, and the goings on of various

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Princes of Wales in this century, right down to the events leading to the abdication, have been all too well reventilated recently" Page 15 Unsung hero: When Alan Clark, made his admission about advising

cal with the actualite", Kevin Robinson the accused managing director solicitor, had already noted half a dozen points at which the Page 31 case had collapsed Page 35

First of a two-part Omnibus on John Ford, a shrewd and illuminar-

Saving Somalia

For humanity's sake, governments must set aside their fears of setting precedents for external intervention. So desperate is Somalia's

Big bang jubilee

Today, 50 years after the first reactor went critical, the public has yet to make its peace with nuclear

Vrrm for Brit blkes

Those who mourn the death of the British motorcycle industry - usually alongside the demise of courtesy and the decline of the pound will be able to raise a small cheer .Page 17

WOODROW WYATT

We are in George Orwell's 1984 where "Big Brother is watching you". Big Brother today being an amalgam of those with power over large sections of the press and broadcasting, who manipulate opinion through their "Thought Police", then claim this represents the spontaneous feelings of the public. This is the antithesis of a free press and democracy. Page 16

JANET DALEY

Where do the interests of the public office end and those of the private man begin? If government itself is a kind of self-protective fortress, with automatic mechanisms for counteracting any attack then aren't the particular politicians who inhabit it bound to benefit in an unwholesome way? Page 16 LYNNE TRUSS

Imagine an Advent calendar designed especially for the apocalyptic

Nineties .. Page 16

Readers look askance at payment of legal expenses by the Treasury and the Conservative partyPage 17

The ANC criticises De Klerk for anti rating the outcome of pending bilateral talks and for not agreeing to its demand for elections before the end of 1993. Its strictures must not be allowed to obscure a vital point: the differences between the two sides are narrow-

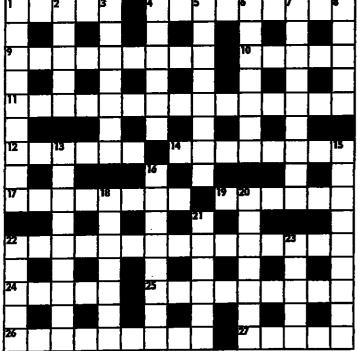
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ACROSS

- I Promotion for obscure bishop
- 4 Rock explorer, talking nonsense
- 9 Landing place in London of foreign prior (9). 10 One has an endless task finding fluid in Mars, for instance (5). 11 Poor case, further impaired by
- the expected result (3.3,3.6). 12 Little Henry in the river has become breathless (6). 14 Recruit, first to train in a back-
- ward town in Egypt (8). 17 Flowers nearly all grow quantities (3-5).
- 19 State with a posh carriage (6).22 Shoots friend with gun when moving to take up a new position
- 24 Arrange decree (5).

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25 Soldier regained regiment in confusion (9).

- 26 Agreement to put new piping in garment (9).
- 27 The earliest time of day to find an old character in drink? (3-2).

DOWN

- Cover foundation with extension
- 2 Remove obstruction to urban renewal (5). 3 Accommodation in York, say, for
- a navy flyer (4-3). Determined to be abrasive (6).
- Gladstone, for example, report-edly consumed this in France (8). 6 Turf in chaos after end of race
- incident (7). 7 One taken in by popular lady's man was left (9).

 8 Stuff found in Hamburg or
- Geneva (5). 13 Worried how to describe a broomstick perhaps (9).
 15 Fall under cycle during circular
- 16 Peg. born last, matured between thirteen and nineteen (8).
- 18 Stirring oration in Canada (7). 20 Displays introducing a road transport organization (7).
- Way of viewing the side . . . (6).
- 22 thus admitting to being one of the old school (5). 23 Joint agreement (5).
- Concise Crossword, page 40

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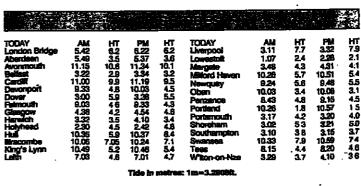
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Kingstonian granted Cup reprieve

FA decides that Peterborough must replay tie

THE Football Association yesterday ordered Peterborough United to replay their FA Cup first-round tie with non-League Kingstonian. The match will be behind closed doors at London Road on

Friday afternoon.
Peterborough, of the Barclays League first division, beat Kingstonian 9-1 at home in a replay last Wednesday night, but the Diadora League side lost Adrian Blake, their goalkeeper, early in the second half when he was struck on the head by a missile — probably a 50 pence coin — thrown from the crowd. Blake spent the night in hospital suffering from concussion, Kingstonian protested to the FA and the result was an enquiry held at Peterborough's London Road ground yesterday by members of the Challenge Cup Committee.

After three hours of deliberation, the three-man commission — consisting of Terry Annable (Nottinghamshire), Percy Rushton (Worcester-shire) and Ray Berridge (Bed-fordshire) and chaired by Adrian Titcombe, the FA's head of competitions and reg-ulations — decreed the match must be staged again.

In so doing, they took the middle option. The others

ACROSS

1 Building block (6)

NCO symbol (6)

9 Giving counsel (8)

10 Clashing (2,4)

17 Irritable (6)

21 Summit (4)

22 Curving (6)

23 Pod plant (6)

Guernsey neighbour (4)

12 Fairground structure (4)

15 Stoically accepting (13)

16 Pork luncheon meat (4)

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Not wishing to disappoint the

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c. A young kangaroo

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b. A country police officer

c. Shaped into a corner

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19 Give up for lost (5.3)

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tory (5,4)

Reserve (4)

11 Italian Alps (9)

6 Non-active soldier (9)

Normal standard (3)

were to fine Peterborough or eliminate them from the competition. The winners on Friday, when the kick-off is at 2pm, will travel to Plymouth

Argyle for a second-round tie.
The decision follows a
precedent set in 1985 when
Leicester City were ordered to
replay against Burton Albion
behind closed doors at Coventry after the non-League side's goalkeeper was similarly struck by a missile. The Burton goalkeeper was hit with the score at 1-1 and his side went on to lose 6-1 before being beaten again in the replay, but Kingstonian were 3-0 down when Blake was felled in the fiftieth minute.

After studying video evi-dence and hearing from local police officers and Kingstonian representatives, Titcombe said: "There is no doubt that the incident significantly influ-enced the final score. It is very serious when any player has to leave the pitch because of crowd trouble."

Blake, who still has a lump on his head, attended the enquiry. "It hurt," he said. "I can only remember being whacked on the back of the head and I still feel sick and my legs are shaky. But if the doctor okays it, I hope to play

It was the second time in the match that Blake was struck. The first missile hit him on the back and police found seven coins on the pitch afterwards. They have questioned a man about the incident and he has

been released on bail pending further investigations. Philip Sagar, a Peterbor-ough director, said: "This club is gutted that one person - I will not call him a fan — can cause such distress and extra effort on the part of both dubs. We are particularly angry because of our previously ex-cellent public order record." Sagar estimated that the cost of staging the replay will be between £3,000 and £4,000 an outlay Peterborough, who must also foot the bill for the

enquiry, can ill afford. Barry Chauveau, the Kingstonian chairman, said:
"We do not have any crowd
trouble and ideally I would
have liked to play again in

front of our supporters."

Chris Kelly, the Kingstonian manager, said: "I don't know how I'll be able to get a team together. Already three players have told me they will have trouble getting the day off. They should have given the game to Peterbor-ough. They would not have got nine had our goalkeeper stayed on, but the score might not have been far short."

Last night's replay between Salisbury and Marlow was called off because of a water-

Vocal Graham, page 38

Field for finals **increased**

By STUART JONES

THE European football championship finals, to be staged in England in 1996, are to be the biggest in history. An executive committee meeting of Uefa, the sport's European governing body, in Istanbul yesterday agreed that the field should be doubled in

size to 16 nations. 2 Hard work poor pay fac-The finalists are to be divided into four groups, with the top two teams from each going Make fresh appraisal (8) through to the quarter-finals. As the hosts, England qualify automatically and, in another departure from tradition, so will the holders, Denmark,

13 Abdomen thorax memwho will thus claim a unique double. 14 Malicious (8) They did not qualify for the tournament in Sweden last 18 Small horse (4) 20 Tier (3) summer but were belatedly 21 Stabilize (3) invited to take the place of wartorn Yugoslavia. In spite of the ACROSS: 1 Characterised 8 Nitre 9 Editors 10 Lee minimum of preparation they

11 Repro 12 Deadpan 14 Voyage 16 Impale 20 Nuclear 23 Noose 24 ETA 25 Imparts 26 Grant 27 Neighbourhood won their group, which included England, and beat Germany in the final As well as the Danes, four English clubs are sure to benefit from Uefa's change of WHINING MOVE heart. The break-up of Yugoslavia and of the Soviet Union By RAYMOND KEENE, Chess Correspondent persuaded it to reverse its original decision, made in March. The Football Associ-

> closed files on possible venues. will now reopen them.
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> Three of the eight required arenas have already been chosen. They include Wembley, where the final and perhaps both semi-finals will be held, Old Trafford and Villa Park. Elland Road, the home of Leeds United, is also almost

ation, which had reluctantly

certain to be selected. The cases for Goodison Park and Nottingham's City Ground are also strong. The other candidates are, in the south, Highbury and Selhurst Park and, in the north, either Hillsborough, Bramall Lane, St James' Park or Sunder-

land's new ground. The FA would prefer to maintain a wide geographical spread. Apart from London, the plan is to have no more than one venue in each city. The enlargement is welcomed because it will involve more communities, offer more supporters the opportunity to watch live international football, and provide better com-



Lumsden achieves his goal

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

TWO full houses at Twickenham this season have already featured Australians, South Africans, the odd New Zealander and a Canadian. The next one, when Oxford play Cambridge in the 111th university rugby union match next Tuesday, will run through the same gamut in one afternoon, such is the diversity of the two

Amid them all will be Audley Lumsden, once one of Bath's leading lights, an England B full back and destined for the game's highest honours until a serious neck injury place at Oxford and looked certain of a blue last year before he damaged an ankle playing in the Dubai sevens.

Now, at 25, Lumsden has made it to Twickenham: be was named on Oxford's right wing yesterday. He has been by no means a regular in dark blue this term, but his known

athletic gifts have earned him with six, though they have the place ahead of the unlucky David Currie, who must be content with a place among the replacements.

Oxford will take the field with five blues, Cambridge, holders of the Bowring Bowl, Jenkins, in his fourth year, makes up the Light Blue back row, and Alexis Read, whose **TEAMS**

moved Max Duthie, a lock last

year, to blind-side flanker alongside Eric Peters, the cap-

tain. The persevering Rory

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: M T Joy (Maning and Kable); A E Lumsden (Alfred Sutton, Reaching and St Cross), "K P Street (King Harry Vill, Coventy and Christ Church), D P O'Mehony (Christian Brothers, Cork and Kable), D O Spance (St Andraw's College, SA and Kable); N G Malone (Methodst College, Belfast and Kable). "S F du Tolt (Paul Roos Gymnasium, SA and Christ Church); I M Budlett (Holywell HS and University)." M B Patton (Campbel

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: *L. Davies (Pencoed CS and St Edmund's); S A Burns (St Durstan's College and Mag-dalene), D P Hopley (Harrow and Hughes Hall), J P Flood (Stonyhums College and St Edmund's), G R D Battlone (Epsom St Edmund's, G.R.D. Battelane (Epecin College and Downing); "M.L. Price Aberdere CS and St. Edmund's), "M.W. de Maid (Lady Mary HS, Carolli and Hughes Hall); D.R. Perrett (Pesse and Jesus), A.J.G. Read (RGS High Wycombe and Hughes Hall), P.G. Casliow (Celharm and Fitzwilliams), "M. B. Duthle (Badowell SC, Bristol and Ousens'), D.J. Blidde (Hower Hill, High, and Hughes Hall), "D.P.A. Dtx (Snore, Sydney and Hughes Hall), "D.P.A. Dtx (Snore, Sydney and Hughes Hall), and Hughes Hall, "B.H.J. Jaminians (Quadle and Downing), "E.W. Pesses (Brestwood and Hughes Hall, capt), Replacements: to be named. Christ Church; I M Budiest (Holywell Hs and University), "M B Patton (Campbel College, Betlast and St Catherine's, capt), "A D Williams (Histiguard HS and St Anne's), B P Nasser (St Joseph's, Birsbane and Keble), "D R Evens (Bro Myrddin, Comrather and St Anne's), J B B baniest (Wanganul College, NZ and St Catherine's), C C Llon-Cachet (Pretoria Boys and Keble), B G O'Mahony (Presentation Brothers, Cork and Keble), Replacements: D S Curris (RGS High Wycombe and Templeton), P E Miles (King Herry VIII, Coventry and Keble), A B McCornite (Amidale, NSW and St Anne's), M R Humphreys (Methodist College, Bellast and Brasenose), P F

Gower is * picked for Sky's team

By Alan Lee CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

DAVID Gower learned yester-day that he will, after all, have a part to play on England's cricket tour of India in the new year. Gower's role, however, will be restricted to commentating for Sky Sports, which is to screen all the international matches live and in full.

Gower, whose omission from the England party caused such a furore that some MCC members are still militating for a special general meeting, is in Australia as part of the Channel 9 commentary team on the Test series between Australia and West

When that ends, however, he will fly to India and join two more of Test crickers leading run-scorers, Geoffrey Boycott and Sunil Gavaskar. in a Sky Sports presentation fronted by Charles Colville. All three Test matches, plus the six one-day internationals, will be shown ball-by-ball, a total of 150 hours of live coverage from January 16. Sky's public relations office

was last night unwilling to divulge financial details, concoming either the figure paid to Mark McCormack's Trans World International group for the rights to the series, or the fees which will be paid to the commentary team. What can be said is that Gower will not now be suffering financially through his non-selection.

Gower was in a similar position three years ago. He had lost the England captaincy to Graham Gooch and was not chosen for the tour to West Indies. Instead, he went as part of the Sky team which televised an England overseas series for the first time. Because of injuries to the touring party, Gower did end up playing in one tour game and came close to taking part in the final Test.

This will be the first time that a Test series in the Asian subcontinent has been televised in full.

Sky is still negotiating with the Test and County Cricket Roand over covera summer's Sunday League, to be played over 50 overs with coloured dothing, and it will be favourite to win the rights to the next World Cup if England is confirmed as the venue.

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Bryant bows out at top

By DAVID RHYS JONES

A LENGTHY chapter in the history of bowls came to a close yesterday when David Bryant, 61, regarded as the greatest player in the sport, announced the end of his international career. The man with the pipe, sleek, brilliantined hair and ability to propel woods more accurately than anyone, has de-cided not to play in the England indoor trials this

However, Bryant's influ-ence will remain as he has accepted an invitation from the England selectors to become the non-playing captain. "Because I've been playing for England since 1958, I feel I have something to offer, and am looking forward to making a contribution to the team's efforts," he said yesterday.

Apart from being the one bowls player instantly recognisable by all, Bryant set the standards in the game and did most to massage its image as it entered the television age. "There

were not any young players around when I took up the game, but it's different now," he said. That the average age has plummeted is due in no small measure to the influence of the modest, rose-growing, trout-fishing enthusiast from Clevedon. Bryant was eight when he

started playing with minia-

ture bowls on the family

lawn; 21 when he won his

Bryant: set standards

first county title and 24 when he skipped Clevedon to the national fours title. Since then, he has won the

world singles championship three times outdoors and three times indoors, four Commonwealth Games gold fours gold medal, a world outdoor triple gold medal, six gold medals in the world indoor pairs championship and 26 national titles. His international career spans

His first Commonwealth Games success was in 1962, and he remained champion until 1982, when he was not allowed to compete because he had turned professional. Bryant's man-management skills made him a successful skip, and will serve him well as non-playing captain. But his reputation was based on his mastery of singles play, winning the England singles title six times on grass and nine times on carpet. He was made an MBE in 1959 and a CBE in 1980.

Augusta's Games hopes subside

Lausanne: The possibility of a golf tournament at Augusta National as part of the centenary Olympic Games in At-lanta is increasingly looking a dead duck (David Miller writes). The tradition of racist discrimination by the club is something that the Interna-tional Olympic Committee (IOC) will not, I am assured,

attempt to bypass.

The IOC has received a letter of protest from executive officials of the Atlanta city council, following a council resolution formally objecting to Augusta National as an

Olympic venue. It is a nonhad been presented to the binding resolution as far as IOC. Now Payme will be the Atlanta organising comcriticised either way.
The council resolution has mittee (ACOG) is concerned. but there is no prospect of the IOC moving against the mood provoked predictable hostility

from Payne and, more unexof the host city council.
Whether ACOG can rescue peciedly, from a black Augusta state senator, Charles Walker. the proposed tournament by staging it at an alternative club Both have asserted the issue is not the city council's business. remains to be seen. The posa barely credible stand. Payne ition is an embarrassment and has continued with his claim reversal for Billy Payne, the president of ACOG, who prethat an Olympic tournament would open up Augusta to new audiences and, for the maturely drew Augusta National into the front line by first time, a women's event. staging a press conference on the proposal before the idea

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so impressive against Mickey Steele-Bodger's XV last week,

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remains at hooker.

Apart from the wing position, Oxford's main query was at tight-head prop. The place has gone to Andy Williams, who played at Twickenham in 1988 and now returns on a post-graduate course. He plays ahead of Andy McConville, the Australian who damaged a rib at just the wrong time of term and has been struggling for fitness.

been struggling for fitness. Not that Oxford are short of

players are drawn from South

Africa, Australia, New Zea

land. Canada. Ireland and

Cambridge content them-

selves with two natives of

Brishane and their usual scat-

tering of Welshmen, of whom Lloyd Davies moves from

centre, where he played

against Oxford last year, to full

cosmopolitan look: their

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BBC1

6.00 Ceefax (39046) 6.30 Breakfast News (40305994)
9.05 Kilroy (2289468) 9.45 Rosa King. Game show (s) (8264062)
10.00 News and weather (3003468) 10.05 Playdays (r) (s) (9602401)
10.30 Good Morning ... with Anne and Nick (s) (48162536)
12.15 Pebble Mill. Music and conversation presented by Alan Titchmarsh (s) (9970420) 12.55 Regional News and weather (65011178)
1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. (Ceefax) Weather (14642)
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (21452536) 1.50 Going for Gold. General knowledge quiz with European contestants. The question-master is the Irrepressible Henry Kelly (s) (21456352)
2.15 Film: Lisbon (1956) starring and directed by Ray Milland. A tale of international intrigue about a former US Navy captain-turned-smuggler who is hired to rescue an American industrialist from behind the Iron Curran. (912449)
3.50 Harum Scarum. Stories from children's picture books (s) (6243333) 4.00 Funnybones. Cartoon (s) (7599246) 4.05 Specevets. Science fiction comedy (2489420) 4.20 The Chipmunks (r) (2400913) 4.35 Artifax. News from the world of design. (Ceefax) (s) (5205791) 6.00 Ceefax (39046) 6.30 Breakfast News (40305994

design. (Ceefax) (s) (5205791) 5.00 Newsround (2994791) 5.10 Byker Grove. Children's drama serial

set in and around a Geordie youth club. (Ceetax) (8654517)

Neighbours (r). (Ceetax) (s) (222739). Northern Ireland Inside

6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Anna Ford (Ceefax) Weather (8)

6.30 Regional News Magazines (20). Northern ireland: Neighbours 7.00 Telly Addicts. Noel Edmonds with the first sermi-final of his television trivia quiz for family teams (s) (3791)

7.30 EastEnders. (Ceetax) (s) (84)
8.00 Citzen Smith. With the Tooting Popular Front's finances at their usual low level, Wolfie willingly accepts employment from one of the area's arch villains. Stamng Robert Lindsay (r). (Ceelax) (9739) .

8.30 A Question of Sport presented by David Coleman. This week Bill Beaumont and Ian Botham are joined by Steve Backley, Chris Woods, Catrin Nifsmark and Phil de Freitas. (Ceefax) (8246) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news

and weather (5130) 9-30 Kinsey. Drama series staming Leigh Lawson as the eponymous Midlands lewyer, in this week's story helping a cry coucillor who has problems with a travellers' camp and his former wife. (Ceefax) (s) (547710). Wales: Week In Week Out 10.00 Kinsey



Poetry in motion pictures: film-maker John Ford (10.25pm)

10.25 Omnibus: John Ford.

 CHOICE: Shots of Monument Valley, his favourite location, and the strains of "Red River Valley", one of his lavourite tunes, herald a welcome profile of the great American director written and presented by Lindsay Anderson. The approach is conventional, a mixture of film clips and reminiscences, but Anderson's commentary is predictably shrewd and illuminating. Ford liked to portray himself as a hard-nosed film-maker doing a job of work and gave short shrift to interviewers who tried to tackle him about art. As Anderson points out, this was largely an act. Although working in a popular form Ford was a considerable artist, with a poetic feel for the sweep of American history and a sensitivity to character and emotion. Tonight's programme covers Ford's career up to the second world war. Part two is next week. (Ceefax) (239449). Northern Ireland: Go For It 10.55 Study Ireland; Wales: 10.55

11.15 Film: She Wore A Yellow Ribbon (1949) starring John Wayne and Joanne Dru. The second in John Ford's "Cavalry Trilogy" finds Wayne as a US Cavalry captain given one last task before retiring escorting two women civilians through Indian territory to a stagecoach post. Winton C. Hoch won an Oscar for the colour cinematography. (Ceefax) (976081). Northern Ireland: Omnibus 12.05am-1.45 Film: She Wore a Yellow Robbon; Wales: 11.45 Film: She Wore a Yellow Robbon; Wales: 11.45 Film: She Wore a Yellow Ribbon 1.25 News and weather 12.55am Weather (5844043). Ends at 1.00

2.15 BBC Select: Executive Business Club (20173). Ends at 2.45. 3.15 Legal Network Television Preview (59685). Ends at 3.45

BBC2

8.00 Breakfast News (5525604) 8.15 Westminster (5614791)
9.00 Stx Scottish Burghs: Professor Andy MacMillan explores the history and architecture of Palsley (f) (20642)
9.30 Film: Storm in a Teacup (1937, b/w) starring Rex Harrison and Viven Leigh. Stightly dated comedy of manners morals and romance set in a small provincial Scottish town where an English journalist arrives to take a job on the local paper. He unearries a cause of scottish town where the local paper. cause célèbre that becomes a nationwide story. Directed by lan

Dalrympie and Victor Saville (4617807)

10.50 Film: 1'il Be Your Sweetheart (1945, bw) staming Margaret Lockwood and Michael Rennie. A struggling young Yorkshire songwriter's fortunes take a turn for the better when a glamorous

music hall star agrees to sing one of his songs. Directed by Val Guest (48173642) 12.35 The History Man. Bryan McNemey visits Norwich (r) (11835555) 12.40 Great Little Railways. Ray Gosling on the train network high in the mountains of northern Portugal (r) (1570178) 1.20 Charlie Challe (r) (40643069)

in the mountains of northern Portugal (r) (1570178) 1.20 Charine Chalk (r) (40643062)

1.35 Arthur Negus Enjoys. A visit to Kingstone Lisle in Oxfordshire in the company of Robin Butler (r). (Ceefax) (37713284)

2.00 News and weather (89580265) 2.05 Blind Adventure. Twelve blind people leave their guide dogs behind and spend 12 days at the Ullswater Outward Bound Centre in Cumbria (r) (99566265) 2.30 See Hearl Magazine for the hearing impaired (r) (5) (81)

3.00 News and weather (7081062) followed by Westminster Live introduced by lain Macwhilter and John Cole (9446517) 3.50 News. recional news and weather (6241975)

News, regional news and weather (6241975) 4.00 Catchword. Game for wordsmiths hosted by Paul Cola (s) (33) 4.30 Behind the Headlines with John Diamond (17) 5.00 Look Stranger: The Reindeer Man. How Laplander Mikel Utsi

reintroduced reindeer to the Scottish Highlands (r) (1197)

5.30 Film 92 with Barry Norman. An Interview with Maryl Streep (r) (7)

6.00 Film: Sergeant Rutledge (1960) starring Jeffrey Hunter and Woody Strode. Court martial and colour prejudice drama, directed by John Ford, set in 1880s Arizona, about a black US cavalry sergeant wrongly accused of rape and murder (70867178). Followed by Advent Calendar. The first of 24 through-the-window looks at memorable moments from Christmases past selected from

7.45 Assignment: Nigeria — Glant on Trial. Nobel prize winning novellst Wole Soyinka asks if Nigeria's military-backed President Babangida will keep his word and hand over power to a new. democratically elected civilian government (777517)

8.30 Food and Drink Includes two London che's advising a round-the-world yacht crew on how to make appetising meals from basic

ingredients (s) (6888) 9.00 Quantum Leap. Science fiction adventures starring Scott Bakula as a time-trapped scientist. This week he has 24 hours to save a bordello girl from a nasty death. (Ceefax) (s) (795994)



Interrogating the police: Sir John Harvey-Jones (9.50pm)

9.50 Troubleshooter 2.

○ CHOICE. Sir John Harvey-Jones takes his loud ties and bellowing laugh to Sheffield to offer his services to South Yorkshire Police. The miners' strike and the Hillsborough tragedy left public bitterness and low morale. But a bright new chief constable, Riichard Wells, has promised more open policing and greater devolution of power. He cuts little ice with Sir John, who says the force is top heavy, badly managed and lacks a coherent strategy. There is an nilarious visit to a remshackle divisional station where rain comes through the roof and detectives tap out their reports on prehistone typewriters. "Johy latty for a major fight against crime," roars Sir John, adding his favourite word: barmy. The chief constable smiles through gritted teeth and probably wishes Sir John would stick to motorcycle companies. (Ceefax) (788130)

10.30 Newsriight with Peter Snow (736062) 11.15 The Late Show. Arts and media magazine (s) (446197) 11.55 Behind the Headlines. A repeat of the programme shown at 4.30 (107371)

12.25am Weather (1202753)

(3633335) 2.40 Donahue. Phil Donahue hears from a wife who claims her husband

slept with their babysitter (8529753)
3.30 60 Minutes. News magazine from the United States (78647)
4.30 Short Story Theatre. Two dramas — Death of a Gandy Dancer and The Orphans — on the theme of age and memory (35956)
5.30 ITN Morning News (57647). Ends at 6.00

ITV LONDON

6.00 TV-am (5953\$55) 9.25 Keynotes. Music game show hosted by Alstair Divall (6139062) 9.55 Thames News (9628449) 10.00 The Time... The Place... Topical discussion programme

(9275130)

10.35 This Morning. Weekday magazine series presented by Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigan (25428913)

12.10 Playbox, Early learning series (r) (6630975)

12.30 ITN Lunchtime News. (Oracle) Weather (1587468) 1.05 Thames

News (4068371)

1.15 Home and Away. Australian family drama serial. (Oracle) (423420)

1.45 A Country Prectice. Drama serial (s) (422791)

2.15 Heirloom presented by John Bly. The specialist guest is Sam Twining, an expert on metalware and teapots (414772)

2.45 Families. Soap linking the north of England with Australia (s)

as. Soap linking the north of England with Australia (s) (9122333) (9122333)
3.10 ITN News headlines (7009468) 3.15 Thames News headlines (7008739) 3.20 The Young Doctors (3919772)
3.50 Fraggle Rock. Puppets (r) (5536772) 4.05 The Raggy Dolls (s) (7507265) 4.15 Mike and Angelo. American cornedy drama (r) (8125130) 4.40 Children's Ward. Drama serial set in a general

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6.30 Themes News (88)
7.00 Emmerdale. Soep set in the Yorkshire Dales. (Oracle) (5159)
7.30 The Home Show. Advice on home refurbishment. With Adam Caplin, Lina Coggin and Susy Smith (r) (72)
8.00 The Bill: Master of the House. Di Burnside investigates the murder of a respectable married married found dead in an area that is frequented by winos and homosexuals. (Oracle) (4807)
8.30 The Upper Hand. Connedy series starring Joe McGann, Diana Weston and Honor Blackman (s) (6642)
9.00-Boon. Last in the cornecty drama series starring Michael Elphick as

9.00-Boon. Last in the comedy drama series starting Michael Elphick as a Midlands private Investigator. Tonight he and his partner Harry (David Daker) decide to swap jobs to see how the other half fines (Charles) (a) (2020). ves.(Oracle) (s) (6739) 10.00 News at Ten. (Oracle) Weather (12343) 10.30 Tharnes News

10.40 Alds Update '92. An examination of the proposal to make sex education in schools more explicit. (Oracle) (660130)



A scandalous bohemian life: Galina Brezhnev (10.50pm)

10.50 First Tuesday: Brezhney's Daughter. CHOICE: The children of public figures often tend to be a disappointment to them and Galina Brezhnev did not break the mould. Leonid's little girl may have been the apple of dad's eye but. affection was quickly strained as she opted for a scandalous bohemian life and took up with a succession of unsuitable men. Now 63, with three husbands and countless lovers behind her, the former president's daughter presents herself to the camera. It must be said that she cuts a pathetic figure, by turns weepy and aggressive, hooked on champagne and a muscon made proyector, from the skirn and striking woman of her youth. The language is fruity and at one point she threatens to purch the director. Her story and victious power ve, hooked on champagne and a million miles physically throws much incidental light on the corrupt and vicious power

politics of her father's Soviet Union. (Oracle) (595642) 1.50 Prisoner: Cell Block H. Australian drama series (784994) .40am Video View presented by Mariella Frostrup. The latest re reviewed (4584444)

1.40 The Equalizer. McCall heads the call of a newly-divorced women with a history of mental problems. Starring Edward Woodward

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Cartoons (60623) 7.00 The Big Breakfast (61915)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. American game show (s) (6134517)
9.25 Film: Lloyd's of London (1936, b/w) starting Tyrone Power.
Romanticised account of the early days of the insurance house.

Romanticised account of the early days of the insurance house. Directed by Henry King (41450771)

11-35 Crime Does Not Pay: Dark Shadowa (1944, b/w). Psychological drama about a murderer who doesn't know why he kills (6179062)

12-00 The Perflament Programme presented by Anne Perkins (62866)

12-30 Sesame Street. Early learning series. The guest is break dencer Bill livin (58178) 1.30 Take 5 (7) (53488)

2.00 Filton: A Yank At Oxford (1938, b/w) starring Robert Taylor. Energetic comedy about a brash American student who puts the backs up of his fellow students — until he proves that he is a thoroughly good chap. Directed by Jack Corway (873826)

3.55 A Happy Occasion. Vladimm Sec's ammation about a pushly perent (1211438) 4.00 Familiy Pride (9) (71)

(1211438) 4.00 Family Pride (s) (71)
4.30 Fithern To One. Fast-moving general knowledge quiz (s) (3)
5.00 Crawshaw Paints Oils. Alw/n Crawshaw paints his favourite animal — the shire horse (6255)
5.30 Man Made for Nature. A Survival film about the flooding of Somerset's Chew Valley to make a reservoir (r) (65)
6.00 Remote Control. Comedy quiz game. (Teleted) (s) (78)
6.30 Roseanne. Wisscracking cornedy (f). (Teleted) (30)
7.00 Channel 4 News. (Teletext) Weather (851642)
7.50 Comment. Roy Bland with a strange story from Comwall (605884)
8.00 People First: A Choice of Life. The series of documentaries on disabilities continues with an exploration of the emotive subjects of euthanesia and abortion. (Teletext) (2449)

euthanesia and abortion. (Teletext) (2449)
8.30 The Feast of Christmas. Paul Levy with pysters and smoked salmon. Frances Bissell offers an approximate and Jenny Lo

prepares a sea bass, Chinese-style (4284)



Used-books trade: Tony Lambrianou and Driffield (9.00pm)

9.00 Without Walls: The Cardinal and the Corpse (267848) and

Photo Romans (446159).

● CHOICE: One of the strenger offerings in the Without Walls series weaves a quirkly enigmatic film around the used-books trade, gangsters and London's East End. A cast of pseudo-mtellectual scruffs, Tony Lambrianou, an associate of the Kray brothers, and the skin-headed book dealer who goes by the name of Driffield act out a diverting and surely tongue-in-cheek tale which suggests, among other things, that the Irish novelist Flann O'Brien wrote Sexton Blake stories under a pseudonym. The utilimate point is hard to ascertain but for composeours of arts documentales it may be enough that the director, Christopher Petit, has jettisoned the cliches of the genre and come up with a film that is intriguing in content and eye-catching in style. The other Without Walls item is the last in the Photo-Romans series, about a murder in Barcelona 10.00 Film on Four: The Deceivers (1988) starring Pierce Brosnan and

Saced Jeffrey. Drama, based on fact, about a British East India Company officer in 1825 who discovers a murderous secret society. Directed by Nicholas Meyer. (Teletaxt) (s) (638159)

11.55 Brass. Hilarious spoof starting Timothy West as a despotic munitions factory owner (r) (s) (957913)

12.30am Daughters of the Country: The Wake. Last in the series of

Canadian dramas (13096)

1.30 Film: East of Piccadility (1940, b/w). B-movie drama starring Judy

Campbell as a crime reporter who joins forces with a thriller-writer (Sebastian Shaw) to track down a London killer. Directed by Harold Huth (2016685). Ends at 2.55

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10.00 The Voice of Love. Sibelius (Rakastava, The Lover: Finnish Radio Symphony Chor under (Ikka Kuusisto), Nicholas Maw (Soneta for strings and two froms: Stephen Strling and Mark Payne; Opus 20 under Scott Stroman), Strauss (An den Baum Dayhne; BBC den Baum Deptine: BBC
Singers: Boys of King's
College Choir, Cambridge,
under John Poole); Roger
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20 under Scott Stroman);
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12.00 Bach from Litre 1.00pm News 1.05 BBC Philharmonic in Bordes 1.00pth Name 1.00
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under Andras Liget performs
Brahms (Variations on a theme
by Haydin), Tchalkovsky (Piano
Concerto No 1 in B flat minor:
Lazar Berman); Dvořák,
(Symphony No 8 in G)
2.50 Girotamo Frescobeldi:
Robert Wooley, harpschord,
plays Toccata 9 — 1837, Book
2; Capriccio sopra fana di
Ruggiero, Canzon 8, La

Partite sopra l'aria della Romanesca; Toccata 1 — 1637, Book 2

Wind: Britannia Building
Society Band under Howard
Snell and the Guildhall School
of Music Symphonic Wind
Ensemble under Peter Gane
perform Percy Fletcher (An
Epic Symphony); Tippett
(Festival Brass with Blues);
Hence (Ragtimes and
Haberleras); Philip Wilby
(Pagarim Variations)
4.30 Mysteries of the Hammond.
In the third of four
programmes, Ben Watson
exampes; the work of the
organist Shirley Scott

5,00 ln conductor Harry Christophers 7.30 Pebble Mill: Live from Studio One, Brimingham, Finzi

(Quatre motels pour le temps de Noel): Bozza (Image). Casken (The Land of Spices). Bax (I sing of a Maiden) 9.30 The Translators Adam Czemiewski talks to Michael Hamburger about German poety.

9.50 Finding the Key: Alexander Goehr at 60. In the last programme of the series, Oliver Krussen conducts a

10.45 Night Waves, Robert Hewson 10.45 Night Waves. Robert Hewson on the cultural economy
11.30 Rameau's Orchestra:
Orchestra of the 18th Century under Frans Brüggen performs Suite, Dardanus; Suite, Les Boréades 12.30am News
1.00-2.25 Night School (except in Scotlend, as Radio 5 at 9am)
2.30-3.10 Night School Extra

(s) Stereo on FM 5.55am Shopping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing Incl 6.03 Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day with Alison Bogle 6.30 Today, Incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 7.45 Thought for the Day with Indant Singh 8.40 Yesterday in Parliament 8.58 Weather 9.00 News

9.00 News 9.05 Call Nick Ross. 071-580 4444. Lines open from 8am 10.00-10.30 News; Sue Limb in Ozleworth (FM only): The writer visits the beautiful valley in Gloucestershire

10.00 Daily Service (LW only) 10.15 Paradise Lost (LW only). John Milton's poem (20/41) 10.30 Woman's Hour meets the discusses how different cultures react to disability, and examines the tashion for jungle prints Incl 11.00 News 11.30 Medicine Now, presented by

12.25pm The Friend in the Corner

CHOICE: Brilliantly edited,
and not senously carraged by
Daphne Ovenford's immorous narration, the first of six dips into the BBC radio archives and any documents are many archives concentrates on the year 1936. This was the time of Sunday gramophone rectals of "upliting works", eprogues that urged temperance, exhibits and observed. sobriety and chastry, reporters at national disasters such as the Crystal Palace fire quickly

1.00 The World at One with James Naughte

1.40 The Archers (s, (r) 1.55
Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; Thirty-Minute
Theatre Accidental Murder
Frank McCormich's first play
stats Christian Brodese aley

Notes with the ballet conductor Barry Wordsworth and the repetiteur Philip Gammon on the subject of music for the dance (s)
3.00 A Perspective for Living (FM only): Bel Mooney talks to Val Hazel about the death of her

nine-year-old son (s) 3.30-4.00 Punters (FM only), with Susan Maring 3.00 Prime Minister's Questions (LW only) 4.00 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope reviews Carl
Hiaasen's Uniter novel Traphne: God, an anthology of

Drama Awards (s) Jrama Awaros (s)

4.45 Short Story: Card Trick with
Heans, by Adrian Dannatt.
Read by Carolyn Backhouse

5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast
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SKY MOVIES+ ● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites 6.00xm Showcase (8268064) 10.00 Mustang Country (1976): Joel McCt-a pursues a staffon (96197) 12.00 The Private Life of Sherlock Holmas Billy Wilder's spool (24883517) 2.05pm Up River (1930): Plonest Jeff Corey sets (194600e (297517)

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Studie im Volkston, Op 1021: Elgar (Sospin, Op 70); Vaughan Williams (Partita for double string orchestra) 9.00 Composer of the Week

and Act 2 (Berlin Radio Chorus: Leipzig Gewand Orchestra under Kurt Ma

Ruggiero, Canzon 6, La Pesenti; Carrzon 8, La Vincenti,

COMPILED BY PETER DEAR AND GILLIAN MAXEY
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RADIO 3

3.30 A Century of Brass and Wind: Britannia Building

organist Shirley Scott In Tune: Anthony Burton in conversation with the

Debble Mill: Live from Studio One, Birmingham, Find Sunder Paul Spicer, with Philippa Davies, liute, perform Howells (Before me careless lying; In Youth is Pleasure; David Matthews (The Ship of Death); Paul Reade (Aspects of a Landscape); Warlock (As dew in Aprylle, The full heart; A Cornish Christmas Carol), 8,20 Gurnar Pettersson discusses why some countries law down cumar Petiersson oscusses why some couraires lay down the law when it comes to naming names, 8.40 Brahms (Three Motets, Op 109), Takemisu (Voice); Poulenc

performance of the composer's work Sing, Anel, to a text by Frank Kermode

2.30 Richard Baker Compares

Geoff Watts
12.00 You and Yours, with John

the Crystal Palace are quickly running out of anything to say. Edward Vill's renunciation of the throne, and the president of the Danzig senate making "a very rude gesture indeed" at the international press (s) (r) 12.55 Weather

stars Christian Rodska as Amold, who becomes a police

suspect when his two wives die in quick succession (s)

RADIO 4

religious fictors and the Tamasha theatre's production of Women of the Dust; and amounces the winners of the Factor Times Comedy and

5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast
5.55 Weather
6.00 Skr O'Clock News
6.30 Knowing Me, Knowing You:
Alan Partiridge, On the Hour's
sports reporter. hosts his own
chat show (s)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers (s)
7.20 File on 4
8.00 Science Now (r)
8.30 Worse Things Happen at
Sea, with lan Mcintyre
8.45 In Touch: Peter White
presents the magazine

8.45 in Touch: Peter Write presents the magazine programme for the visually handicapped 9.15 Kaleidoscope (s) (r) 9.45 The Financial World Tonight (s) 9.59 Weather 10.00 The World Tonight, with Alexander MacLeod (s) 10.45 A Book at Bedtime: McSoriey's Wonderful Saloon.

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McSorley's Wonderful Saloon.

Eli Wallach reads stones from
Joseph Mitchell's classic
collection of New Yorker
articles. Tongint, the second of
a two-part portrail of New
York's oldest saloon (s)

11.00 The Radio Programme:
Laune Taytor finds out how
lifers use their radios to
escape from prison (r)

11.30 Today in Parliament
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RUGBY UNION

Dwyer admits to

deficiencies

revealed by tour

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

on holiday, some - wonder of

wonders - to play on in Italy

and France. They leave a British public which has en-

joyed their company hugely,

as it did a year ago after the

World Cup. The tour of Ireland and

Wales was harder than antici-

pared: injuries, which forced

Australia to use 36 players in

13 matches, saw to that. So did the weather and a succes-

sion of sides which, in the

words of David Campese,

"came out and played at 200 miles per hour and really tried

That is the penalty of being

World Cup holders, and Aus-

tralia coped when it mattered

most, but what was meant to

be a year of consolidation became a year of development,

during which they found their

strength in depth was not quite as great as they believed.

in a hit earlier and, from that point of view, it has been a very good year," Bob Dwyer, their coach, said. Garrick Morgan,

at lock, Dan Crowley, revitalised as a loose head

prop, David Wilson (flanker)

and Peter Slattery (scrum half) were nominated by Dwyer as

players who have made signif-

fringes, playing the ball on the ground, too. Guys have had to

We have had to bring guys

to stick it to us".

Derby hope to ease pressure in replay

Arsenal manager blames forwards for recent decline

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

PRESSURE is an oft-used, often misused word in foot-ball, but it can rarely have applied to a game as aptly as it third-round replay at Highbury tonight. Arsenal and Derby County have fallen so short of expectations of late that a bread-and-butter tie in the country's second cup comhis players. petition has assumed enormous importance to both

For Arsenal, championship favourites and until recently the Premier League's in-form team, confidence has suddenly taken a hattering. Six consecutive league wins promised a powerful challenge for the title; subsequent defeats by Leeds United and Manchester United, both deserved, have undermined that challenge.

Derby's disappointments are even greater. An investment of more than £10 million

terday rejected an approach

Hughes, from Newcastle Uni-

bitious benefactor, Lionel Pickering, has shown no signs of any return and, instead of blazing the trail at the top of the first division. Derby are in mid-table. A 2-1 defeat at home to Tranmere Rovers at the weekend did nothing to ease the pressure on Arthur Cox, the club's manager, or

George Graham, Cox's opposite number at Arsenal, has no doubt where the blame lies for his team's recent failures The forwards have let their standards slip." he said yesterday. "We've got to get back to what we were doing before when we had a ten-match unbeaten run.

"The last two performances have been very uncharacteristic of us. We have players of world-class quality like Ian Wright, Anders Limpar and Paul Merson, but they know they have to keep putting in

Keegan's move for **Hughes rejected**

ted. Kevin Keegan, manager of the first-division leaders, was prompted to renew his interest after Alex Ferguson signed Eric Cantona from Leeds United last week. The former Tottenham Hotspur defender, Paul Miller, has confirmed he is involved in a consortium bidding to buy out the controver-

Flashman, for a reported £1 Doctor Khumalo, a midfield player with the South Africa champions, Kaizer Chiefs, will join Aston Villa on December 20 after impressing

during a five-day trial.

sial Barnet chairman, Stan

Vauxhall Conference leaders, have been drawn at home to Cheltenham Town in the first round of the Vauxhall

allerfan Town v Whatby Town; Morecambe or Southport v Frickley Arthitel: Macclesteld Town v Whiton Albern; Sutton United v Wolung; Basingstele Town v Kingstomas. Yeading: Stough Town; Welling United v Aylesbury United: Grays Affreit v Stafford Rangers or Wernbley; Marthy Tyddi v Whenhoe Town, Heybridge Swits v Wonnester City, Yaovil Town

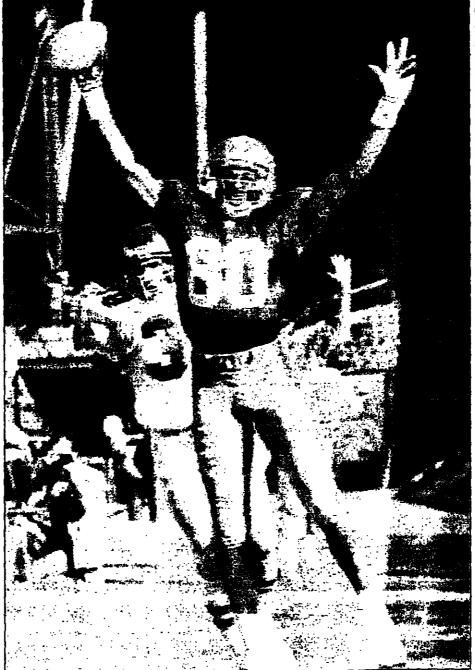
Aware of the tension surrounding the tie, Cox has taken his team to a secret retreat to prepare. In his absence, Pickering pointed to a chronic lack of form at home for Derby's demise - they have suffered six defeats in eight home league matches. The irony of spending £10

million on a new team, only to find yourself worse off than when you started, is certainly not lost on me. Pickering admitted, " but if you read it in the Rover or Wizard, you wouldn't believe it. The idea of winning away and losing at home, as we've been doing, is too fantastic to contemplate.

Derby, surely relieved that the replay is at Highbury, are likely to be without Darren Wassall, the central defender, who missed the Tranmere game, while John Jensen, the midfield player injured against Manchester United, should return for Arsenal

Crystal Palace cannot be looking forward to their visit to Anfield for their second meeting with Liverpool in four days. The memory of the 5-0 drubbing they suffered on Saturday is still fresh, while speculation concerning the future of Steve Coppell, the Palace manager, is growing. The club's chairman, Ron Noades, yesterday dismissed rumours that Coppell is to join Sunderland, but he did confirm that the first-division club

had made an approach.
Liverpool, though, are guarding against complacency. Their manager, Graeme Souness, said: "It would be silly of people to suggest that we will walk away with this tie simply because we defeated the same opposition by five goals in our previous fixture. It may well be a cliché, but I have to say that this game will not go the same way as the last one; it will be completely different." With Ronnie Rosenthal injured, Souness is likely to recall Mark Walters.



49ers clinch place in play-offs

THE San Francisco 49ers led them 62 yards, finishing blunted a late drive by the Philadelphia Eagles on Sunday to preserve a 20-14 home victory, enabling them to become the first team to take a National Football League play-off position (Robert

Philadelphia, hoping to win a play-off wild card, trailed 20-7 in the fourth quarter before Randall Cunningham with an 11-yard touchdown pass to Keith Byars with nine minutes to play.

With four minutes remaining, the Eagles regained possession on their 47 and earned three first downs, moving to the San Francisco 20-yard line with less than two minutes left. Tim Harris sacked Cunningham on a third-down play. putting Philadelphia in a

fourth-and-15 situation. Cunningham passed to Calvin Williams, who was tackled near the ten-yard line. The Eagles thought they had a first down, but measurement revealed they were an inch short.

Jerry Rice, in his eighth season, caught his hundredth scoring pass in the first quarter. Steve Young's 22-yarder allowed him to equal the record set by Steve Largent, formerly of Seattle. Rice caught eight passes for 133 yards. Young also lobbed a 43yard touchdown pass to Dexter Carter and completed 24 of 35 for 342 vards.

The Dallas Cowboys and the Minnesota Vikings did not clinch play-off positions because the Green Bay Packers beat the Tannoa Bay Buccaneers, 19-14. The New England Patriots, Phoenix Cardinals and Seattle Seahawks have been eliminated from play-off contention.

The Buffalo Bills were the only division leaders to lose on Sunday, 16-13 in overtime against the Indianapolis Colts. Dean Biasucci's third field goal of the garoe, a 40yarder, was decisive. He had forced extra time by kicking a 23-yarder with a minute left.

overflowing game, they had to hard-nose it." AUSTRALIA'S travelling circus finally broke camp at the weekend, exiting in all direc-tions: some down under, some

Dwyer believes comparisons with past teams are odious because the nature of the game has changed so much with the new laws. His stand on the ruck/maul law, for has won the support of such diverse playing personalities as Campese and Will Carling.

The Australian manage ment regret, too, that the international tour schedule does not permit more frequent. contact. That may change if recent discussions between leading Australian and British administrators bear fruit, but John Breen, the manager, suggests that the four home unions should visit Australia

The Wallabies return to the northern hemisphere next au-tumn, but to Canada and France. They would enjoy the prospect of playing in Britain again rather earlier than 1996 and, specifically, against Eng-

In all such strategies, of course, the World Cup looms large. Bob Templeton, Dwyer's vastly experienced as-sistant, said: The general feeling is that the World Cup should never take the place of traditional tours. If it did, rugby would lose a lot of its enjoyment." Sadly, the game has probably passed that point

British conditions, however. have revealed shortcomings, notably at half back. "The tour exposed a number of guys to conditions foreign to them.". Dwyer said. "Interpretation in the scrims was markedly different; offside around the

Midlands have no place for Pearce

last season, have dropped Gary Pearce. England's mosttight-head, for the first defence. of their title, against London at Sudbury on Saturday

(David Hands writes). Garforth and his two younger ciub colleagues, Graham Rowntree and Richard Cockerili, have been a significant part of an aggressive Leicester tight five this season and it may not be long before they, too, are knocking on the playing door rather than act- Simon Morris, Gloucester's

ing as replacements. London will be without Will Carling, England's captain, who will be in the Far East, and Peter Winterbottom, who is cutting back on his playing commitments before the international season begins. Chris · University.

THE Midlands, who won the Oti, the Wasps wing, is injured ADT divisional championship which allows London to field three goal-kickers from the same club, Steve Pilgrim joincapped prop. in favour of wing Alan Buzza and the divi-Dancen Garforth, the Leicester n. singal captain. Rob Andrew.

The South-West, who play the North at Leeds, have preferred John Hall to Mike Teague in their back row. Teague made a dramatic

return to international rugby against South Africa last month but Hall's more gradual ascent in Bath's colours has won him the place.

They have preferred to play two footballers on the wing in centre, and Nick Beal, who has played full back and stand-off half for Northamp ton. He now makes his divi sional debut alongside Chri Clarke, the promising proforward from Swanse

Treasury releases sports funds

government yesterday ed an annual scheme bout £8 million a year British sport at the ests (John Goodbody

he government, which has pledged about £3.8 million annually for the next three years in a scheme called Sports Match, will give up to £75,000 for individual community projects, provided the same amount is secured in business sponsorship.

The pound-for-pound scheme was the only valuable idea in the Review of Sport by Robert Atkins, the former minister for sport, but the Treasury had besitated for almost 12 months over committing public money for

Barry McGuigan, the former world boxing champion, who attended the launch in London, said: "When I was 12 years old I had to travel home after training without having had a shower. This scheme is a great plus for kids."

Sports Match will concentrate on local non-profession-

brough a hiding on Saturday.

to slide down the first division

but they should at least man-

age their first home draw of

the season against Brentford.

In the FA Cup second

round, go for Shrewsbury Town, riding high in the third

division, to hold Burnley, do-

ing only moderately in the

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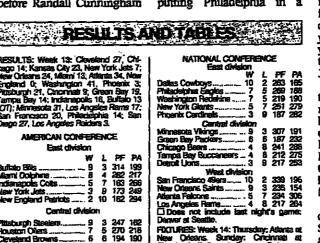
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al sport and physical recreation. It will encourage companies to extend their existing sponsorship in this area, as well as attracting firms who have not used sponsorship before as part of their promotional and advertising activities. The target groups will be the young and disabled in inner cities or

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POOLS FORECAST

ARSENAL'S confidence has been shaken by two consecutive Premier League defeats. so their visit to The Dell looks trickier than it would have done a few weeks ago. The fact that Southampton are gradually climbing the table and were boosted by victory over Nottingham Forest on Saturday will not make things any easier for Arsenal, and a draw seems the most they can hope for.

A less obvious treble chance choice is the match between Queens Park Rangers and Oldham Athletic, Rangers, although much higher than Oldham, are faltering, whereas Oldham ended a barren period by giving Middles-

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Handicap

scale is

introduced

A new sliding scale in the system of assessing golf handi-

caps will come into force on

March 1, the effect of which will be to make it easier for average players to bring down

their handicaps and harder

for good players to improve. The main change is to the

"buffer zone", the area of a net

score in which a player's

handican is unchanged. At

present, the zone is two strokes

for all categories, but this is to

be changed to one for handi-

caps up to five, two for handicaps six to 12, three for 13 to 20 and four for handi-

☐ Gary Orr returned a 64.

seven under par and a tourna-ment record, to help Scotland

into a six-stroke lead after the first round of the Johnnie

Walker European teams'

championship at La Manga,

caps 21 to 28.

Spain, yesterday.

Leigh stay

Cool Ground clashes with Pipe trio

ALTHOUGH only four runners were declared at the fiveday stage of acceptors for Saturday's Rehearsal Chase at Chepstow, a high-class contest for the £28,000 limited threemile handicap is still assured.

"Considering that we've got last year's Gold Cup winner and two of the first four in the betting on next year's race, we can't be too disappointed", said Roger Farrant, the clerk of the course.

"We tried to have the race reopened, but as it was an early-closing event with 27 entries, there was nothing to be done about it."

Toby Balding confirmed that Cool Ground is a definite runner with Adrian Maguire in the saddle. Martin Pipe said that his trio of Miinnehoma, Run For Free and Bonanza Boy are also likely starters.

MANDARIN

GOING: SOFT

12.40 Ask The Governor.

1.40 My Senor.

2.10 Front Page

2.40 Wide Boy.

3.40 Ebony Gale.

(£1,302: 2m 6l) (11 runners)

CORNESH COSSACK 15! 4th ol 11 to Emity's Star

Convest ousself at Newton Abbot (2m 8, good to soft). HAPPY HORSE 211 8th of 19 to Klicasta in a rovice hurdle at Fostwelt in May (2m 21, good), with WELSH COTTAGE 42 14th THANKSPOR-THEOFFER 15½1 3rd of 7 to Carigeen Lad in a

1.40 BLACKHEATH NOVICES HURDLE

T-U: £1,302: 2m 2n) (7 nunners)

O Programmed To Win.

O Clever Folly.
O Master Of The Rock.

HELIOPSIS (nap).

) High Padre.

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TRAINERS

"Minnehoma is in great shape and has been pleasing said the champion trainer. "I am likely to run all three. I shall also send Valfinet and Miss Bobby Bennett to Sandown for the William Hill Hurdle."

Unfortunately, even if had been possible to reopen the race, no further runners are likely to have appeared. A quick glance down the original entries reveals that the remainder either ran last weekend, already have future too far out of the handicap.

The Rehearsal Chase will certainly be a race to savour. Cool Ground has to concede 20lb to Miinnehoma, the Sun Alliance Chase winner. Run For Free, who has only

Saturday's Hennessy runnerup, Jodami, at Haydock Not surprisingly, Valfinet

12.40 Ask The Governor.

1,10 General Merchant.

3.40 EBONY GALE (nap).

novice hurdle at Phonipion (2m 41, soft) WHO'S NEXT 341 3rd of 5 to Mr Mott in a novice hurdle at Prompton (2m 41, soft). MATUAL AGRESIGENT 35 th of 16 to Wild Brathole in a novice hurdle at Herstord (2m 11, beavy) Selection: CORMISH COSSACK

1.40 Alice's Mirror.

2.10 Front Page.

2.40 Wide Boy.

3.10 Red Amber

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.10 FRONT PAGE.

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0 MUTUAL AGREEMENT 6 (R Frost) R Frost 5-10-7. A Temperature of the 10-10 and 10-1

BETTING: 4-1 Ask The Governor, 5-1 Cornish Cossack, 6-1 Happy Horse, 7-1 Thankshortheoffer, 10-1 others

1991: OLUET DAWN 5-10-4 J Kavaragh (33-1) J King 14 ran

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BELL OURLL 11/st 2nd of 10 to Star Ot Rally in a novice handicap chase at Herelord (2m, heavy). Samue Cup in a handicap chase here (3m 1f 110yd, good to soft). ROVING SEAL 441 4th of 9 to Samue Cup in a handicap chase here (3m 1f 110yd, soft). Selection: GENERAL MERCHANT

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ARD EVANS: 12.30 Programmed To Win. 1.00 Kidlaw.

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THUNDERER

12.30 Rustic Air.

1.30 Gale Again, 2.00 Hilltown Blues.

2.30 Truely Royal.

3.30 Forbearance.

1.00 Kidlaw.

3.00 Shoofe.

BETTRIS: 2-1 My Senar, 9-4 Allice's Mirror, 6-1 Rampal, 8-1 Ler Cre, 10-1 Ramora, 12-1 others.

BETTING: 6-4 BN Quill, 5-2 General Merchant, 6-1 Poving Seal, 8-1 Welcome Tidings, 20-1 others. 1991: DERRYMORE BDY 9-11-2 A Magune (7-4 fav) J Filich-Heyes 13 ran

1.10 coomes conditional Jockeys selling chase

12.40 GREENWICH NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE

10st 11b to carry, beat last

has been installed the even money favourite with the sponsors for Sandown's feature, the William Hill Handicap Hurdle.

The French-bred horse, with a maximum of 10 stone to carry, has incurred no penalty for his easy Cheltenham win and has been raised 22lb in future handicaps.

Hill's make Jopanini, who has also shown improved form since the publication of the weights, the second favourite at 4-1. They then go 8-1 Jungle Knife, 9-1 Kilcash and Easy Buck and offer 10-1

Leicester called off

THE meeting at Leicester. scheduled for today, was called off yesterday. The course was found to be waterlogged after a stewards' inspection. The clerk of the course, Nick

Lees, said yesterday: "It has

Uncle Ernie as he attempts to win the two-mile handicap for the second consecutive year. On the Champion Hurdle "Uncle Ernie is none the worse for his fall at Hunting-don and is a certain runner," said Jimmy Fitzgerald. However, the Malton trainer said that Sybillin, such an

Only six have been declared

for the Tingle Creek Handi-cap Chase, but Waterloo Boy

will face stiff opposition from

on Wonder Man, Billy Bathgate and perhaps Egypt

been raining all day and

conditions were pretty grim.

We had no option but to call the meeting off."

casualty this National Hunt

Leicester becomes the third

front. Dermot Weld again warned punters to be wary of backing Vintage Crop for the title after the easy Cesarewitch winner had taken part in a 16runner schooling hurdle at Punchestown yesterday. impressive winner over fences at Ascot recently, will not take

"He jumped satisfactorily, but not quickly enough for the Champion", said the trainer. We've got an ambitious Flat racing programme for him next season including the Ascot Gold Cup and perhaps the Melbourne Cup.

Chase, if the going is too soft.

"We've got to give Wonder Man 7lb," said Fitzgerald.

'We wouldn't want to attempt

to do this in testing condi-

"So we won't persevere with him over hurdles unless he looks like being good enough for the championship. He's got to sharpen up and 10-1 is a ridiculous price."



Select company: Cool Ground faces only three possible rivals in the Rehearsal Chase at Chepstow on Saturday

In-form Front Page favoured by substantial rise in weights

FRONT Page, from John Akehurst's Upper Lambourn stable, looks set to win today's most valuable race, the Coomes Handicap Hurdle, at

The weights have gone up 9lb overnight, which will help Front Page's cause.

Until the original top weight, Easy Buck, was withdrawn yesterday, Front Page was languishing 4lb out of the handicap. Now he will be competing from his proper mark

Front Page is also unpenalised for winning a conditional jockeys' race by six lengths at Stratford last Tuesday. He was given a fine ride by Brian Clifford, who stole a

march on his opponents.
With Clifford in the saddle again today, drawing his 3lb allowance, Front Page should be hard to catch carrying only 10st 2lb around the sharp Sussex course. Prior to winning at Strat-ford, he also showed that he

acts well on this type of track when winning by 15 lengths at Windsor. In the absence of Easy Buck,

Hashar. A winner on the Flat at Epsom in June, Hashar was

top weight will now be carried also successful over hurdles at Kempton last season for David Elsworth. However, the

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

form Front Page looks daunting.

Quaker Bob, beaten only half-a-length over hurdles on his last visit to Fontwell three weeks ago, is taken to go one better in the Coomes Senior Citizens Novices' Chase.

Philip Hobbs, his trainer, has always maintained that Quaker Bob's future lies over fences, provided he remains

By all accounts, he has not been the easiest of horses to train. However, his dam. Bobette, was a good chaser



Hammond: his Heliopsis

over three miles or more on soft ground and that is what confronts her son now.

Another likely winner for the west country trainer is the consistent Wide Boy in the Wally Coomes Handicap Chase

At Newcastle, the promise of more reasonable ground has persuaded Gordon Richards to run Clever Folly in the Silver Blaze Handicap Chase instead of Last O The Bunch. Since Moment Of Truth, Gale Again, Clay County and Southern Minstrel, his four

rivals, have all been slightly disappointing of late, Clever Folly gets the vote even though his last race was in August. He has repeatedly shown that he can give of his best when fresh. Today's nap though is Heliopsis to win the Final

Problem Handicap Hurdle. Trainer Mickey Hammond has prepared this full brother to one-time Derby hope Armada by saddling him for successive victories on the Flat at Catterick and Edinburgh. The four-year-old won over hurdles at Ayr last February. Since he is clearly in form,

Heliopsis looks set to take full advantage of the weight that he receives from Seon, especially since the latter could well be feeling a bit jaded after a hard race in much better company at Newbury last Saturday.

Rugby league: Leigh have been granted a six-week stay of execution after losing a High

Court battle yesterday to re-main at Hilton Park, their home for 46 years. An appeal against the decision is to be made. Eviction notices were served after the club's lease on the ground ran out in July. ☐ The Welsh prop. Mark Jones, and Alan Hunte, the St Helens and Great Britain winger, face separate trials by

video before the Rugby Football League in Leeds today for alleged malicious tackles.

Time for tea

Cycling: A competitor with an insatiable thirst for tea is believed to be the only timetrial rider to have been found positive this year in drug tests involving 75 riders. The unnamed rider is thought to have appealed after excess caffeine was found in his sample. Penalty for a first offence is normally two years and a second breach would mean a life ban.

☐ The International Cycling Union congress approved the merger of the two organisations representing professional (FICP) and amateur (FIAC) cyclists in Florida yesterday.

rild be Brixton on top : Asked Volleyball: Woolwich Brittemporary the English women's c'something pions, repelled the charriday. By of Sale to maintain on a park advantage at the top squalid pit of Royal Bank English Brixton edged out these required by ire side 14-15, 15-12 monitor care-4-15, 16-14 in London wion's own weekend. → cent of

Visa rejected

Gymnastics: The national women's team champions, Heathrow-Hoechst, may lose Natalia Ilienko, the former world floor exercise champion. who is at present a guest coach at the club. Her application for a work permit has been turned down by the Home Office.

Robertson retires

Squash: Chris Robertson, the world No. 4 from Brisbane, has been forced to retire because of an arthritic right hip at the age of 27.

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RACELINE

2.15 (2m 110yd hose) 1, GLEMOT (A Orhney, 6-1), 2, Dolly Prices (A Lamach, 25-1); 3, Shahmirai (C Grant, 20-1) ALSO RAN, 2 tay Flash Of Realm (4th), 9-4

2.10 COOMES HANDICAP HURDLE (£4,113: 2m 2f) (4 runners) **FONTWELL PARK**

BETTING: 1-2 Front Page, 3-1 Hester, 6-1 Densing Pagety, 12-1 Novin.

1991: KING CREDIO 6-9-11 A Maguire (13-2) S Woodman 11 page

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DANCING PADDY 171 3rd of 4 to Run Lip The Flag beat Kalzari 6/ in an 8-miner conditional jockeys.

Hamilicap hurdle at Stratford last time out (2m 119yd. good to soft).

LEMIN 23 3rd of 6 to Chehworth Raider in a bandcap hurdle at Huntengdon on penultimate start (2m 119yd. good)

Selection: PRIONT PAGE (nap)

2.40 WALLY COOMES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,269: 2m 2f) (6 runners) BETTING: 11-10 Code Dodger, 3-1 Wide Boy, 5-1 Givus A Buck, 6-1 Greenfulls Finde, 16-1 Master Comedy, 33-1 Serioria.

1981: WINE ROY 9-10-13 Peter Hobbs (5-4 tax) P Hoots 5 can FORM FOCUS

SMUS A BUCK 101 2nd of 6 to Arche Call in a handicap chase at Sandoen (3m 51 lovd, good). WIDE 80Y 143 3nd of 5 to king 0t The Lot in a handicap chase at Cheltanham (2m, good to soft). COOLE DOOGEN beal Smartle Egyrec 41 in a 10-namer novice chase at Wincanton (2m 51, good to firm). Greenhills pride 351 7th of 8 10 Clares Own III

a handicap chase at Notingham last time out (2m. good to soft)
MASTER COMEDY 201 3rd of 5 to Le Chat Noir m a handicap chase at Folkestone (2m 5), soft). Previously, beal Popasenod 51 in a 6-tunner handicap chase over course and distance (good to soft), with SERIOLEAN (2b better off) caled-off. 4th. Selection: MASTER COMEDY

3.10 COOMES SENIOR CITIZENS NOVICES CHASE (£2,025: 3m 2f 110yd) (7 runners)

1991: DOONLOUGHAN 6-10-10 J Frost (2-1) & Balding 9 ran FORM FOCUS

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D'Or m a handicap hundle at Towceser (2m 5/,
good). COLONIEL KENSON bales of 5m of 18 to
Michight Caller in a novice chase at Windsor (2m
5/, soid), with RYCO 7th. OLIAKER BOB ½! 2nd of 11 to Lasting Memory in a handicap hurdle at Fostwell (2m 6t, good to solt). Chasing debut. REAL HARMONY talled-off 4th 7 to Gaelstrom in a novice hurdle at Chettenham (3m 2t, good to sell) RED AMBER 161/21 3rd of 16 to Askirdamey at nowee chase at Towcester (3rd 11, sell). Selection: RED AMBER

3 40 (£2,784: 2m 6l) (12 runners)

Long handicap: Glebelands Gri 9-12, Lyph 3-7 Hova Spuil 9-5.

BETTING: 9-4 Energy Gale, 3-1 Northern Vollage, 9-2 Macho Man, 13-2 Somerstuding, 8-1 Glebelands Sid, 10-1 As Good As Gold, 12-1 olbers. 1991: NO CORRESPONDING RACE FORM FOCUS

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Palacepan King, Vargh Majon, 14-1 Dask Mildrog" 1991: SERPHIL 10-4 N Ext. 1,50-1) Mrs S Smith 16 can 2.30 THE VALLEY OF FEAR NOVICES CHASE (£2,232: 3m) (6 runners) SIS

2.00 the sign of four claiming hurdle (3-Y-0; £1,646; 2m 110yd) (8 runners)

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task of giving 19lb to the inis Newcastle fancy Desert Orchid is out of intensive care

By Michael Seely

DESERT Orchid's dramatic ness of body and spirit have recovery from serious illness never been more vividly illuscontinued apace yesterday. After a further intake of food, the nation's favourite racehorse was removed from intensive care at Rossdale & Partners surgical unit in

Newmarket "He's been led out for a graze and been given mash and some hay," said Jimmy Burridge, one of the joint owners.

"He's off the drip and from now on will be fed normally. They will still have to keep a close eye on everything. But he should now be all right, as long as he doesn't have a

During a two-and-a-half hour operation for a twisted gut, Desert Orchid had ten feet of gangrenous lower intestine removed.

This is a very serious operation and the recovery rate is only about one in four. This remarkable survivor's natural resilience and tough-

"He is slowly returning to normal and is over the worst. But it is too early to say that he is completely out of danger." Desert Orchid has received hundreds of get-weil cards

spirit has come back, even if

his body still has some way to

go. And to think it's all

Andy Bathe, one of Desert Orchid's vets, said yesterday:

"He is out of intensive care and he was turned out in a

paddock for the first time

happened inside a week."

from his supporters, including one from the Queen Mother, who sent a message to Richard Burridge wishing Desert Orchid a speedy recovery.

breaks arm at Kelso

THE jockey David Wilkinson was taken to the Border General Hospital, Galashiels, with trated than during his a suspected double fracture of strength-sapping illness.
"It's absolutely amazing how he's rallied", said his left arm and pelvic injuries after a three-horse pile-up in the Coursehead Novices Handicap Hurdle at Kelso Burridge. "Everyone at Newmarket is amazed how his yesterday.

Wilkinson's mount, Kwacha, fell and brought down Gydaros and Mossie Gold, as well as badly interfering with Dancing Street. The trio's jockeys all escaped injury. Chris Brownless was suspended for four days, begin-

ning on December 9, for excessive use of the whip after gaining a dramatic neck victory on Bluff Knoll in the Mason Organisation Champion Chase.

Brownless needed to use maximum persuasion to drive Bluff Knoll past Whaat Fettle yards from the post, but the stewards were not impressed. It was the third time the jockey has been found guilty of a whip misdemeanour in the last nine months.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S TWO MEETINGS

Going: good to soft (soft after 1 15 race)
12.15 (2m 6f 110)d hdie) 1, CEILIDH BOV
(B Storey, 2-1), 2, Knock Rank (R Hodge,
10-1); 3, Busy Boy (N Smith, 100-1) ALSO
RAN: 13-8 fav Grange Chref (4h), 3 Royal
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Shastri and Jadeja scored only 41 from 30 overs before lunch. It was permissible to lay a

foundation but Shastri exceed-

ed his brief with four scoring

Early on he pushed a two and then waited 89 minutes,

facing 67 balls, before he took two fours against McMillan

in successive overs. This ap-proach inevitably rubbed off on Jadeja. The sight of Azharuddin with his pads on.

having promoted himself to

No. 3, was the only indication that India intended to apply a

As can happen, though, once the first-wicket pair were

separated, the Indian inten-

tions came unstuck. Jadeja.

clearly under orders to break free, flashed outside the off stump against Donald after

the lunch break and was caught at first slip. Azharud-

din, without moving his feet,

followed an outswinger from

Matthews in the next over,

and was caught behind. Then Tendulkar was utterly

beaten by Donald's pace be-fore Matthews bowled Shastri.

Completely out of touch, Shas-

tri aimed a drive with the bat

well away from his body and

snicked the ball from an inside

edge into his stumps. He had

batted three and a quarter hours, faced 139 balls and his 23 included four fours. Azharuddin dutifully said lat-

er that Shastri had batted

These losses left India 73 for

four, hopes of a win gone and

44 overs still remaining. Manjrekar and Amre gave the

South African attack no en-couragement and had put on

Donald roused the crowd

every time he was brought on

but there was little pace left in

the pitch for him. Matthews,

always moving the ball a little,

looked the best bowler and

Cronje again covered well for

Pringle's absence. McMillan

bowled too many balls that did

South Africa have named

12 players for the first four

day-night matches. They have

brought in Callaghan, a hard-

hitting batsman and seam

bowler, de Villiers, the seamer

who played for Kent in 1990,

the New Zealand captain,

match without a specialist

spinner. Sri Lanka resume

their first innings today 11

runs ahead. (Reuter)

and Schultz, who is fit again.

not have to be played.

68 when the game ended.

under instructions.

spur in due course.

strokes in two hours.

Go-slow by Shastri hampers India's attempt at victory

HOPES that the second Test match between South Africa and India here would rekindle enthusiasm for the five-day game in this country were dashed yesterday when the final day fizzled out. India failed even to hint that they had the ambition to score the further 303 runs they needed for victory and they clearly lacked the form and technique

required to do so. South Africa scented a win momentarily when they took four wickets in 30 balls shortly after lunch before Manjrekar and Amre made centain of a draw. At no point throughout the match did the run-rate rise above 2.5 an over.

South Africa, reduced to three main bowlers by Pringle's injury, had "bowled their guts out", Wessels, their captain, said but the handicap was too much.

A crowd of 12,000, bringing the total attendance to the 80,000 mark, was remark-

ably patient as India reached 141 for four against defensive a rod for their own backs when

A PAKISTANI wicketkeeper, Tahir Rashid, has broken the record for dismissals in a firstclass innings by making eight catches and a stumping in a match in Gujranwala. The previous record, of eight dismissals, was held jointly by three other wicketkeepers, Wally Grout (for Queensland in 1959-60), David East (for Essex in 1985) and Steve

Marsh (for Kent in 1991). Rashid, 31, a brother of Haroon Rashid, the Pakistan Test batsman, was playing for

SCOREBOARD

INDIA: First limings 227 (S.R.Tendukar 111, B.M.McMillen 4 for 74)

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S R Tendulker Bw b Donald

M Prabheler, Kapil Dev. †K S More, A R Kurnble and J Shreph did not bal. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-88, 2-70, 3-71, 4-73 BOWLING: Donald 20-d-43-2 (nb2), Mc-Millan 21-6-34-0, Matthews 20-10-23-2; Cronje 18-7-32-0; Kirsten 3-1-6-0.

field placings before the game was given up with 13 overs left. McMillan, the South African all-rounder, won the man-of-the-match award for bowling. The final two Test matches follow at Port Elizabeth and Cape Town over Christmas and new year, with eight day-night matches now

taking centre stage. From the start, India made

World record pouched

Sunday.

Habib Bank against Pakistan Automobile Corporation on

Wagar Younis, the Pakistan fast bowler, claimed to have added some extra swing to his deliveries as he prepared yesterday for his country's opening World Series Cup match in Australia on Friday, when they play West Indies in Perth.

Kent have signed Dean Headley, the Middlesex fast bowler, on a two-year contract. ☐ Lancashire have reported a profit of almost £69,000.

NEW INTEREST RATES FOR INVESTORS

For accounts no longer available to new investors. Effective from 28th November 1992.

	GROSS % PER ANNUM	NET % PER ANNUM
KEY 90 DAY		
balances £100,000 and over	7.80	5.85
Monthly Income	7.50	5.63
balances £,50,000 and over	7.55	5.66
Monthly Income	7.30	5.48
balances £20,000 and over	6.95	5.21
Monthly Income	6.70	5.03
balances £10,000 and over	6.50	4.88
Monthly Income	6.30	4.73
PREMIER KEY		
balances £100,000 and over	6.95	5.21
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DIAMOND KEY	3.56	2.67
CLASSIC KEY		
balances £25,000 and over	5.85	4.39
balances £10,000 and over	5.25 4.75	3.94
balances under £10,000	4.75	3.56
SPECIAL INVESTMENT	1.38	1.04
MATURITY BONDS	2.28	1.71
FIVE STAR BOND*	2.92	2.19
	2.28	1.71
TWO YEAR TERM SHARE	1.96	1.47
THREE YEAR TERM SHARE	2.28	1.71
FOUR YEAR TERM SHARE*	2.92	2.19
	2.28	1.71
FIVE YEAR TERM SHARE*	3.56	2.67
	2.92	2.19

Rates on deposit accounts remain unchanged. and savings accounts is payable net of the basic rate of in-

turners on measurement and support of the required registration, grass lovestors may rectain from the inland Revenue any text deducted where the amount exceeds their liability to tax. At present, basic rate intome text is 25%. "The interest psyable on the accounts marked with an asterist is dependent on the date of issue.

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Close vote expected on World Cup bids

BY ALAN LEE

ENGLAND will lodge their bid to stage cricket's next World Cup today, knowing that its success or failure may well rest on the vote of South Africa.

Sir Colin Cowdrey, chairman of the International Cricket Council (ICC), returns from Johannesburg today to peruse the rival bids. Austra-lia, New Zealand and West Indies are known to support England but the news that Zimbabwe will vote for the tournament to be shared by India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka leaves the outcome in doubt.

Of the nine full members of ICC, who each have two votes compared with the associate members' one, South Africa alone have not declared a hand. In years past it would have been unthinkable for them to vote against England but, since returning to Test status, South Africa's links with the Asian nations have been strong. It will now be no simple matter for South Africa to align itself with England, especially as the atmosphere between the delegates of the two countries was frosty during the ICC annual

There, the English assumption that an existing minute would be honoured, committing the World Cup venue to a rota and thus bringing the 1995 event here, was rudely shattered. The meeting accepted South Africa's argument that they were not party to such an agreement and should be free to bid themselves. Although South Africa have now withdrawn, the issue still rankles with the Test and County Cricket

meeting in July.

Board (TCCB). The matter will be settled by a full meeting of the ICC, planned for January 26 in London, when despite worthy facilities, the persuasive factor is likely to be the bottom line of guaranteed revenue.

Another matter concerning the TCCB should be resolved today by a deflection of the move to force an extraordinary general meeting of MCC to debate the exclusion of David Gower and Jack Russell from England's tour

A quorum of MCC memsaid yesterday, a rest day in the bers, headed by Mr Dennis first Test with Sri Lanka, that Oliver, will meet the ciub president, Dennis Silk, at he regretted going into the Lord's, the likeliest outcome being the adoption of a letter to the TCCB expressing dismay. A special meeting would cost MCC about £17,000 and could achieve nothing except general embarrassment.

Ambrose strikes after defiance from Boon

Brisbane: Australia are still in danger of defeat in the first Test against the West Indies here, despite a century by David Boon, his fourteenth for his country. At the close of the fourth day, Australia, at 266 for six, led by 188.

Boon seemed to have steered Australia to safety by staying five hours and 45 minutes for 111 before Ambrose swung the game by taking three wickets in 11 balls. He had Mark Waugh caught for 60 and won legbefore decisions against Martyn and Matthews.

The Australia captain, Allan Border, who has a hamstring injury, and the wicketkeeper. Healy, stayed together until the close and much will depend on them this morning. West Indies might have got on top sooner had not Hooper offered by Boon when he was

Boon, who hit 13 fours, and Mark Waugh added 110 in even time for the third wicket before Boon fell to Bishop. (Reuter)

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-64, 2-114, 3-224, 4-250, 5-255, 6-255. BOMLING: Ambrose 23-7-48-4: Bishop 20-5-43-1; Waish 21-3-57-1; Hooper 28-8-63-0; Patterson 7-0-44-0; Simmons 1-0-5-0; K Arthurton 1-0-2-0. WEST INDIES: Pret Innings 371 (K L T Activation 157 not out, B C Lara 58; B A Reid 5 for 112). Umpires: T Prue and S Randell.

AUSTRALIA: First innings 293 (A R Border 73, D C Boon 48, C L Hooper 4 for 75) Total (6 wids) 266
M G Hughes, C J McDermott and 5 A Reid to bet,



White closes on his dream

By PHIL YATES

JIMMY White firmly believes that his triumph in the Royal Liver Assurance United Kingdom snooker championship on Sunday has removed a considerable psychological obstacle to his world title

White, 30, demonstrated greater self-control than on any previous big occasion as he beat John Parrott, the holder, 16-9 to collect a first prize of £70,000 and his fourth title from the past six won the British and European Opens in March and the Rothmans Grand Prix

five weeks ago.
"I'm more disciplined and consistent than I've ever been and that's what you need most for the world champion-

ship," White said.
So depressed was White about his 18-14 loss to Stephen Hendry in the world championship final in May that he lost all motivation to practise. His cue hardly left its case over the summer.

White reached his lowest ebb at the Dubai Classic in

early October, when he mentioned a "cold, alien feeling at the table" after his 5-1 trouncing by Willie Thome in the last 16. It was exactly the jolt White required. The defeat turned his depression into a resolve to work long and hard on restoring his game. The first fruits of this labour

were harvested at the grand prix, and White always made it clear that his primary preranking tournaments. He Christmas target was the UK championship. After a fourthround scare when he recovered from an 8-7 deficit to beat David Roe 9-8, the Londoner always looked the most likely winner.

"I've certainly buried a few things by doing this," White said. "Winning the grand prix was great, in that it cancelled out a few gremlins, but this is more significant for me because it's over the longer frame matches, like the world championship.

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"I know now how guys like"

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position in e has occupied since May 1990.

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behind Hendry, who appears in danger of losing a No. 1 position he has occupied since

Steve Davis and Hendry felt

when they went to Sheffield

having won the title here.

Because it's such a test of your

all-round game it gives your

self-confidence a boost. Now I

excess of £2.5 million in prize-

money during his 12-year professional career, said: "I

knew I had the will to get back

to the top after losing in the world final. I'm not the sort of

player who can just stick

around getting to semi-finals

here and there, no matter

how much money is

White has overtaken Par-

rott and moved into second

place on the provisional world

ranking list, only 400 points

just one match win —

White, who has won in

can go ahead and fly."

involved."

Cardiff extend unbeaten run

ICE HOCKEY

By Norman de Mesquita

THERE appear to be two certainties at present in the premier division of the Heineken League — that Car-diff Devils will win and Nothave sunk to last place. tingham Panthers lose.

The Devils took their unbeaten league run to nine games with home and away wins over Billingham Bomb-ers and it was their most recent acquisition, the French-Canadian, Steve Cadieux, who led the way, scoring eight of their 23 goals. The Panthers were beaten at

home by Bracknell Bees and

away by Humberside Scahawks, have lost nine of their last 11 league games and

Durham Wasps, although beaten once again by Whitey Warriors in the cup, routed Fife Flyers with Rick Brebant having his most productive game of the season, scoring

seven goals and two assists.
The last 100 per cent record
has at last been broken;
Basingstoke Beavers suffering their first league defeat, 7-

Leicester Riders in the other two legged semi-final.

clear at the top of the league by

Tigers moved two points

6 at the hands of Telford Tigers. John Wolfe was outstanding in the Telford goal. Standing in the Telford goal.
RESULTS: Premier division: Billingham Bombers 8. Cardiff Deuls 11, File Plyers 10, Murrayfield Racars 8, Nottingham Panthers 7. Bracknell Bees 11, Bracknell Bees 1, Norwich and Petertorough Printes 10; Cardiff Devils 12, Ballingham Bombers 5; Durham Wasps 13, Pie Pyers 9; Humberside Seahawks 8, Nottingham Panthers 6; Murrayfield Racers 13, Whitdey Warnors 6. First division: Milton Keynes Kings 13, Romford Racters 7, Stough Jets 6, Mechway Bears 7, Swindon Wildcass 9, Sheffield Steelers 8, Lee Valley Llons 9, Swindon Wildcass 10. Romford Racters 7, Mechway Bears 8, Telford Tigers 7, Basingstoke Beavers 6
Benson and Hedges Cup: Semi-first.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Proposals add to players' burden

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

A BLUEPRINT for the future of the game unveiled yesterday proposes a return to a discarded past, with the scrapping of the present system of three divisions after only two seasons and a return to a format of two leagues from next year. More contentious still is a

proposed expansion of the first division from 14 to 16 clubs and the demotion next season of three clubs from a reconstructed second division into the Younger's Alliance — the reserve teams' league. This would leave 16 clubs in

two divisions on a two-up, two-down basis, from 1994-5. The structure, drawn up by the Rugby Football League's board of directors, may struggle for the necessary three-fifths majority of the 35 club chairmen of the league council, which meets tomorrow.

By making the controversial Lancashire and Yorkshire cups voluntary admission midweek competitions, and flooding the preliminary rounds of the Regal Trophy and Challenge Cup with amateur sides, the board is hoping the fixture burden on senior clubs will be eased.

With an additional four league fixtures in a larger first division, players and coaches are unlikely to see it that way. The proposals contradict the point made by Malcolm Reilly, the Great Britain coach, about the need to

Because of gate revenues, entry into the county cups is likely to remain a necessary evil for many clubs, according to Reilly. "It sounds like we're just heaping more games on our top guys, which isn't what they need," he said last night.

Maurice Lindsay, the RFL's new chief executive, said: "It was felt on balance that it would give more experience to more footballers to play at a higher level in the first

player quota, from three to two per club, in an effort to encourage more home-grown

HOCKEY :

HOUNSLOW'S full back, Simon Hazlitt, will be unavail-able for their match against Harleston Magpies in the fifth round of the Royal Bank of Scotland Cup on December 13, even if he recovers from the hand injury that has kept him out of two games. The Norfolk club, which

eliminated Bromley on Sunday, is known for its fighting qualities but cannot match Hounslow for talent and experience. The draw favours the leading clubs and East Grinstead, Slough, Teddington and Stourport are likely to join Hounslow in the next stage. Reading, second divi-sion league leaders, have been drawn against second-placed

Indian Gymkhana.

Hampstead and Westminster will play Northampton
Saints in the only non-league
encounter. Redbridge and Ilford must first play Isca on

FETTH-R: UNID DRAW: Quildind v Stourpor East Grinstead v Shelfield. Carriests y Carnock Realing v Indian Gymide: at Hampstead and Wegminster v Norther: at Hampstead and Wegminster v Norther: the Saints: Beeston v Stouth; Harlest i Magpies v Hourstow, Redbridge and Bir | or Isca v Teddington

BASKETBALL

England chase European tournament

By Russell Kempson

ENGLAND not only have been given a second chance to reach the European championship finals in Germany next year, but also have the opportunity to stage the extra qualifying tournament. If negotiations are successful, it will be the biggest basketball event held in the country.

"It would be quite a coup," Mark Hannen, the English Basket Ball Association competitions officer, said. "We'll probably know more in about

Hannen said he had "two interested parties ready to stage the competition, but the main stumbling block is fioriginal pools — England, Thames Valley Tigers play

nance. "It appears that the hosts have to meet the full costs of the travelling teams," Czechoslovakia, Poland and Romania — in May to decide who takes the five additional Hannen said.

England's second bite at the cherry follows their elimina-tion in group C of the qualify-ing rounds when they lost 94-69 in Bulgaria Fiba, the international gov-

erning body, then decided that the break-up of the Soviet Union and Yugoslavia — after the qualifying ties had started - left too many talented nations out in the cold. Fiba announced on the weekend Croatia, Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia and Slovenia will join

places on offer for the finals in June and July. Kevin Cadle, the England

coach, will hope his side is not drawn against Lithuania or Croatia. They were the only countries to in any way test the American gold medal winners at the Barcelona Olympics.

Guildford Kings, Cadle's club team, may have only a tenuous grip on the Carlsberg League title, but they remain

on target to retain the NatWest Trophy. They over-came Worthing Bears 113-

106 on Friday and now meet

thrashing eight-man Sunder land Saints 120-63. Guildford's new Spectrum Arena will not now be ready until next month and their league match with Thames Valley on Saturday will be at the Guildford Sports Centre. Carlsberg League

WORD-WATCH NG

Auswers from page 40

(b) Of or characterised by drag-taking, from the noun hop a narcotic drug, especially opium: "Detroit is really a hoppy town — people must order their opium along with their groceries."

DEEP SIX (c) Death, the grave, perhaps from the custom of burial at sea, at a depth of six fathoms: "My old lady went over the hill with my bank account before I was out of boot camp. I'd have given her the deep-six if I could got a furlough."

RAMMY (c) A fight or brawl, especially between gangs, perhaps from the Scottish dialect rammle a row or upruar: "Gallaber had the body, he was Irish, he laid out two slops in the last rammy."

CORNFED (a) Adjective, originally jazz, hand, provincial, connected, purningly from earlier sense "fed on corn" (i.e. maize) and hence corn meaning something countrified and ergo, unkindly, hackneyed or band: "Either way this is a rather negative formulation, useful to the critic defending Banhaus to a cornfed andience of Ruskinians."

SOLUTION TO WI'NING CHESS MOVE

White's major pieces proved (14) much for the black defences following I Bxh6! gxh6 2 Qv+6+! Bxh6 3 Rg7+ Kh8 4 Rxh6

NEWCASTLE

The council will also discuss a reduction in the overseas

Hounslow to miss Hazlitt for cup game

By Sydney Friskin

ford must first play Isca on December 6, the winners meeting Teddington.

Classic backroom research won the Matrix Churchill trial. Edward Fennell reports

t the moment when Alan Clark the former trade minister, made his now notorious admission about advising Matrix Churchill to be "economical with the actualite, Kevin Robinson, the solicitor to the accused managing director Paul Henderson, was already on the way home to Sheffield. He may have missed the public denouement. but he and his clients had already noted half a dozen points at which the case had irreparably collapsed. Mr Clark's declaration, while dramatic, was simply an admission of checkmate in a game lost six moves earlier.

For Geoffrey Robertson, QC, Mr Henderson's barrister, it was an opportunity to enjoy another brilliant triumph exposing double-dealing in government circles. But the part played by Kevin Robinson was the basis of the successful outcome. Working on the case for more than 18 months, Mr Robinson, a partner in the Sheffield firm Irwin Mitchell, undertook the classic backroom research role, burrowing through mountains of documents. unicovering snippets of evidence and assembling a strong defence.

Even if the documents from the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), Ministry of Defence and Foreign Office had never been released, it is possible that Mr Henderson and his fellow accused would still have walked away free men, due to Mr Robinson's diligence. "When I met Paul Henderthat he was innocent." Mr Robinson says. I had been recommended to him by a bother client of mine, Chris Cowley, who was involved in the supergun case. In some ways, therefore, I was on familiar territory and I decideld very early on to have an oldstyle committal to get behind the face of the prosecution witness statements."

The first fruits of this approach came when a DTI official admitted the government had known that marrix Churchill was part of the Iraqi procurement network. Once that tiny hole in the prosecution case had been exposed. Mr Robinson could lever it wider until the whole argument fell through.

The task took time, however. In the wake of the committal and the vital evidence it revealed, Mr Robinson worked closely with Mr Henderson to build up massive amounts of data.

"In many respects Paul Henderson was a dream client," says Mr Robin-'lifie was very sensible, resourceful, with lots of ideas. At the same time he was very level-headed. There were times, of course, when the strain showeld, but not very often. He's a remarkable man and one can see why British intelligence admired his perfor-

mance in such a dangerous role." There were two key themes in the defence, the political and the technical. both of which Mr Robinson pursued. The first line was the one that



Unsung hero: Kevin Robinson worked on the case for 18 months, building up massive amounts of data

Digging for truth in guns-and-spies saga

government knew what was going on. Here, Mr Robinson was helped considerably by his links with American lawyers engaged in similar cases in the United States. American journalists also provided useful information. Soon after he started his research, the offices of Irwin Mitchell began to receive documents from the CIA, the White House and other United States government departments courtesy of American lawyers. These documents showed the depth of American knowledge about the end use of Matrix Churchill's

machine tools. From there it was a simple but lengthy matter to prove that what the CIA knew was shared with the British government. Here Mr Robinson's dedicated reading paid off. A one-line comment from a member of the Commons select committee on trade with Iraq (the supergun enquiry) proved critical in establishing the exchange of information. What the CIA knew. Mr Robinson could show. British intelligence should also know.

But did this amount to proof that the

ultimately triumphed: basically that the DTI, for example, also knew? This was where the prosecution behaved with what Mr Robinson describes as "astonishing generosity".

"At the start of the trial, the prosecution conceded that it would accept that information given to one arm of government was information given to the government as a whole. This was an important concession."

'I decided to have an old-style committal to get behind the face of witness statements'

As it happened, Mr Robinson still had a second line of "technical" defence. For the Matrix Churchill equipment to fall under the export control orders, it had to have been specially designed for munitions

It seemed that with Matrix Chur-

case. They could be used for general engineering purposes and Mr Robin-son argued that the prosecution was confusing "special design" with "intent". He was able to prove his point. Dr Roger Hannam, an expert witness from the University of Manchester's Institute of Science and Technology. demonstrated that the Matrix Churchill machinery was not specially designed for military purposes. The prosecution had no such expert witness to contest Mr Hannam's evidence.

In the event, the judge ordered the disclosure of many of the government documents and after some tight crossexamination of prosecution witnesses Mr Henderson and his colleagues

But why did the case go ahead at all? The security services may understandably be furious at the revelations. If ever there was a case of an MI6 cover-up, this was it. That it was exposed is chiefly down to Mr Robinson and the barristers representing the defendants. Without them, the outcome could have

Gay lawyers are left out in the cold

the Law Society is com-ing under fire for ex-ciuding gays and les-bians from its recently-published discussion paper on discrimination. The society is proposing a practice rule to outlaw discrimination within law firms on the grounds of race, sex or disability. But phrases which would have afforded similar protection to gay and lesbian solicitors were expunged before the paper was

The provisions on sexual orientation were apparently dropped after some angry and blunt reactions from the Law Society's higher echelons. One senior council member said: "Sexual orientation? Don't you mean sexual disorientation?"

Henry Hodge, a Law Society council member, denies that the society is pandering to its most reactionary mem-bers. "Of course the society is not saying that it approves of discrimination on grounds of sexual orienta-tion. There is nothing to stop firms including it in their own equal opportuni-ties policies. It is just not included in our document."

But gay lawyers and civil rights groups are less san-guine about the impact of the omission. Andrew Puddephatt, general secretary of Liberty (formerly the National Council for Civil Liberties), describes it as "outrageous". An equal op-portunities policy which excludes lesbians and gays is not neutral, he says. "It's a booby trap. Silence will be seen as consent and it will effectively legitimise dis-crimination within firms." The legal profession should be leading the way, not dragging behind, he argues. Solicitor Angela Mason, executive director of Stonewall, a gay lobby group, agrees. The society has not taken a principled approach." Stonewall will be urging the society to change

The Law Society appears to be swimming against the tide. The American Bar As-

Proposals for practice rules on discrimination



Angela Mason: lobbyist



John Lovatt: appalled

sociation recently granted affiliate status to a gay lawyer group; and the Lord Chancellor's guidance for the conduct of advocates outlaws discrimination on these grounds. Even the Metropolitan Police has introduced an equal opporprotection for gay and lesbi-

Mr Hodge says that the society is not aware of any complaints of discrimination against gay solicitors. Law student Katrina Robin-son remains unimpressed. 'Have they looked?" she asks. "Gay people are dis-criminated against in every walk of life. They are legis-lated against and beaten up on the street. Why should it suddenly stop when it comes

to the legal profession?"

She is looking for articles and fears she may receive less than even-handed treatment from prospective em-ployees. "I wrote to a City firm which publishes an equal opportunities policy asking whether that includ-'ed sexual orientation." A

reply is still awaited. Stuart Walker, a barrister and a member of the Haldane Society Lesbian and Gay Sub-group, says her concerns are well-founded. Trainees and junior solicitors have reported great difficulty in "coming out" at work. He says that unless firms have explicit equal opportunities policies, gay and lesbian solicitors will continue to fear that their sexuality will count against them in the jobs race.

John Lovatt, partner at the self-styled "all-gay" London firm Woods Lovatt, is equally appalled at his professional body shutting its eyes to the discrimination he says exists. "As many as one in ten lawyers may be gay. But they know that if they come out at work, they will face discrimination and hostility from their

'Many are leading double lives: I did it myself until I

became self-employed." Whether the Law Society changes its mind, it will at the least have to engage in public dehate with those affected by its decision. In future, the society's deliberations on sexual orientation seem set to be brought well and truly out of the closet.

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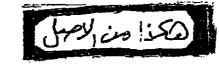
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Biogen Inc v Medeva plc

Although a plaintiff's patent was valid and it was infringed so as to

entitle him to damages against a defendant, the court had a dis-cretion whether to grant or refuse

the plaintiff an injunction restrain-ing the defendant from further infringement

Chancery Division when refusing a motion by the plaintiff, Biogen Inc. to strike out paragraph 7 of

the defence filed by Medeva pic in

an action by Biogen claiming. inter alia: (i) a declaration that

European Patents UK Nos

0182442 and 0013828 were

valid, (ii) an injunction to restrain Medicya from infringing those patents, on the grounds that the

an abuse of the process of the court.

[Medeva's] proposed hepanitis B vaccine ... then the court in the

vaccise ... then the court in the exercise of its discretion should not grant an injunction herein which would prevent [Medeva] from manufacturing and selling [it, because it] ... will be materially

superior as a vaccine to any hepatitis B vaccine available or

make it clear that, while it was not

necessary for their decision in the

instant case, they would have been

extremely reluctant to accept that a

document produced on a word

processor, rather than on a type-writer or by a quili pen, thereby

became a document to which section 69 applied, that is to say a

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rather than a document produced

If such documents were covered

by section 69 then the welcome reforms found in section 24 of the

Criminal Justice Act 1988 would

be greatly diminished and marginalised.

Now, with the almost universal

use of word processors, if that were

to be the case, almost every

business document would become

subject to section 69, which surely

could not have been Parliament's

Document notice

should be given

Mr Justice Aldous so held in the

Before Mr Justice Aldous

[Judgment November 13]

Power to entertain tax declaration

Before Mr Justice Mervyn Davies [Judgment November 6]

Since the taxpayer had, under the statutory code, no way of appealing against a demand for information and a failure to comply entailed a penalty, it followed that the court had jurisdiction to entertain an originating summons brought by the taxpayer seeking a declaration that the Commissioners of Inland Revenue were not entitled to apply the provisions of section 485 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970 to the taxpayer in respect

of certain of its accounting periods. Mr Justice Mervyn Davies so held in the Chancery Division, after a hearing in chambers reported with his Lordship's consent, when distributions and administration of the control of the c vhen dismissing an application by the defendant, the Commission of Inland Revenue, to strike out the originating summons brought by the plaintiff taxpayer, Beecham

Mr Graham Aaronson, QC, for the plaintiff; Mr Timothy Brennan

MR JUSTICE MERVYN DA-VIES said it was made clear at the outset that striking out was sought on the ground that the court had no jurisdiction to hear the originating summons, or if it had, the court ought in its discretion to refuse to

The suggestion that the court had no jurisdiction was founded on the contention that whether or not the Revenue might, in the circumstances of the case, invoke section 485 of the 1970 Act was a diction of the special estion within the exclusive juris

The appeals have been before the special commissioners but the hearing had not yet been con-

Time obligation

Trammo Gas and Petrochemicals Ltd v Geogas SA

When a vessel was already engaged at the time of the charterparty, or became engaged under another fixture before the voyage charter commenced, there was no reason why a reasonable dispatch obligation under the terms of that charterparty should be inoperative until the vessel left the discharge port in completion of the last preceding fixture.

The right approach was to look at the combination of the expected date and the term in the charterparty that the vessel would use all convenient speed to get to the port of loading.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Neill, Lord Justice Steyn and Lord Justice Hoffmann) so Revenue wished to be informed of dealings between the plaintiff and one of its subsidiaries, Beecham Pharmaceuticals (Pte) Ltd, a Singapore company. If such information was forthcoming there might be occasion to amend the assessments already made.

he assessments already made.

By October 26, 1990 the Revenue were requiring a considerable volume of information to consider whether to make use of section 485 for the purpose of altering the open ents. No section 17(3) notice had yet been served. Mr Aaronson submitted that at

the hearing of the originating summons it would not be open to the Revenue to seek an alteration information pursuant to any sec-tion 17(3) notice had to be made, if at all, the subject of a new or further assessment and it was common ground that it was too make any further

Further, he submitted that the plaintiff should not be put to the task of complying with a section 17(3) notice because, if he was right in saying that an effective section 485(3) direction could not be made, the compiling of the information sought by the Revenue would be burdensome. oppressive and a waste of time.

That was why the originating

summons had been issued. His Lordship was satisfied there was an arguable case on whether or not the Revenue were entitled to invoke section 485; see guidance provided in the notes at p332 et to Order 18, rule 19 of the

seq to Order 18, rule 19 of the Rules of the Supreme Court. Mr Brennan submitted it was an abuse of process to proceed by action when there were open appeals against the relevant assess ments before the special commis

judgment allowing the appeal of Trammo Gas and Petrochemicals Ltd. of the Bahamas, the charterers to a charterparty agreement dated January 12, 1987 with Geogas SA, from Mr Justice Webster who on March 14, 1990 had allowed Geogas's appeal of from the final award of arbitrators that Geogas should pay Trammo damages for loss suffered as a result of a breach of obligations under the

LORD JUSTICE NEILL said that the combination of an esti-mated time of arrival provision and the undertaking by Geogas to proceed with all reasonable dispatch had resulted in an obligation to start in time. The breach of that

sioners had exclusive jurisdiction to determine the appeals in rela-tion to the facts: see sections 31, 50, 52, and 54 of the Taxes Management Act 1970. In accordance with those provisions the taxpayer could not litigate a point of law that arose in the appeal.

His Lordship said that was correct but it was not quite the position in the instant case. The appeals stood adjourned and the uestion posed by the plaintiff was whether or not in the course of those appeals the Revenue could now introduce an element that had been absent from the appeals to date, namely the invoking of section 485.

It seemed that whether the introduction of that new element into the appeals could be considered by the court depended upon the jurisdiction of the court as to disputes between the Revenue and the taxpayer.

In In re Vandervell's Trust [1971] AC 912) both Lord Dilhome (at p933) and Lord Diplock (at p943-4) spoke of the representations of an assessment, and "correctness of an assessment" and Lord Wilberforce (at p940) of

In the instant case what the plaintiff wished to do at the present tage was not to attack the existing ments but to dispute the right of the Revenue to seek to vary the existing assessments by section

In the circumstances of the in the circumstances of the instant case, which were removed from those of Vandervell, it might be arguable that one was not obliged by Vandervell to hold that ir was only the special commis-sioners who could say whether or not section 485 was to be applied.

Balen v Inland Revenue Commissioners ((1978) 52 TC 406) was a case where Mr Justice Oliver felt able, despite Vandervell, to hold that the court had jurisdiction to entertain a claim for declarations sought at the suit of the taxpayer. Balen was in some respects similar to the instant case in that there was a notification by the Revenue of an intention to ke use of section 460 of the 1970 Act; and in the instant case there was an indication by the Revenue of their intention to use another tax altering provision, that is, section 485.

Mr Brennan submitted that Balen did not help the plaintiff because it decided simply that the court might decide a question as to the propriety of a determination by

Mr Aaronson submitted that the court had jurisdiction to declare whether or not a taxpayer was entitled to decline to answer Rev enue questions on the ground that they were oppressive, and particularly so where a failure to answer would put the taxpayer in peril of penalty proceedings and there was

no statutory appeal against the Revenue's request for answers. Section 98 of the Taxes Management Act 1970 showed that the taxpayer stood in danger of a penalty of £50 if he failed to

respond to a section 485 notice.
The penalty was small but opprobrium would be incurred by public company being ings: see Dyson v Attorney-Gen-eral [1911] 1 KB 410.421; Royal Bank of Canada v Inland Revenue Commissioners (1972) Ch 665) Commissioners (1972) Ch 665) and Clinch v Inland Revenue

Commissioners [1974] QB 76)
His Lordship saw the strength of words in Vandervell but saw the matter as Mr Justice Oliver saw it in Balen where he considered that when a question was raised as to the propriety of a determination, the court was the proper forum for the resolution of the question. Accordingly the court had jurisdiotion to hear the originating

As to the court's exercise of its discretion, his Lordship would, in all the circumstances, allow the originating summons to proceed.

It was plainly convenient and economic that the court should decide the point at issue at that stage rather than leave the matter to be considered by the special commissioners after the amassing of information which that the end to the day might be shown to have the day, might be shown to have been unnecessary. Accordingly no order would be made on the riginating summons. Solicitors: Linklater & Paines;

Regina v Blackburn Regina v Wade

There should be either a rule of

practice or a procedural require-

ment ensuring that proper notice be given where there was an

intention in a criminal trial to take technical points such as objection

section 24 of the Criminal Justice

Act 1988, as being inadmissible by reason of section 69 of the Police

and Criminal Evidence Act 1984

to which section 24 was expressed

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Farquharson, Mr Justice Henry and Mrs Justice Bracewell)

so stated on November 5 in

dismissing appeals by Raymond Francis Blackburn and Kim Jo-

seph Wade against their convic-tions in May 1992 at Southwark

Crown Court (Mr Assistant Re-

corder Porten and a jury) of

MR JUSTICE HENRY said

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paients, on the grounds that the allegations therein (a) disclosed no reasonable cause of defence (b) were scandalous, frivolous and vectatious, (c) might prejudice, embarrass or delay the fair trial of the action and (d) were otherwise But in Proctor v Bayley and South (1889) 6 RPC 538, 541) Load Institute Cotton, after referring in the extraordinary jurisdiction of the Court of Chancery in granting: an injunction said that its practice was preventive, and not like the Paragraph 7 stated: "If (which is denied) any claim of [those] parents is valid and would be infringed by the inamufacture or sale of common law courts, which melaly give damages against the wrong-doer for the wrongful act which he

There, although the defendant had infringed the plaintiffs patent, the Court of Appeal had discharged an injunction on the ground that further infringement

Nearer to the instant situation had been observations by Mr.

under or by licence of [Biogen] or otherwise. Grant of the injunction of prayed for would lead to the loss of human life and/or avoidable damage to human health."

Mr Hugh Laddle, QC, for Biogen: Mr Martin Howe and Mr Michael Tappin for Medeva.

MR JUSTICE AT POLICE.

approved Medeva's vaccine and/or that Medeva might have have applied to Biogen for such a licence under those conductances, ould the court along. Medeva a compulsory licence.

in Sheffer v Carried London Electric Lighting Co [1895] 1 Ch 287, 322) Lord Justice A. L. Smith had offered as a good working rule: (i) if an injury to the plaint legal rights was small (ii) and capable of estimation in money which (iii) could adequately com-pensate him and (iv) in the circumstances it would be oppres-sive to grant an injunction, then damages in substitution might be

However Lord Justice Lindley (at p315) had offered a different test and in Fishenden v Higgs & Hill Ltd ((1935) 153 LT 128, 144) Lord Justice Mangham after observing that Lord Justice A. L. observing that Lote Justice A L. Smith's remarks had been obtained, expressed the view that "expropriation, for a money consideration, is only justifiable when the plaintiff has sanctioned it", adding "neither has the circumstance that the wrongder it would be a small be circumstance that the wrongder it. in some sense a public benefactor ... ever been considered a sufficient reason for refusing to pro-tect by injunction an Individual whose rights are being persistently

Conscious though his Lordship was that the court had no power to legalise unlawful acts, and that the public would be safeguarded from minur would be sateguarded from injury by Medeva's right to apply for a compulsory licence, he did not think it right to strike out paragraph 7 of the defence; because to do so would affect the court's exercise of its discretion, whether to grant an injunction or not, at the future date when it would fall to be exercised. Between now and then all the background facts might have changed. The plaintiff's motion to strike

out paragraph 7 was therefore refused, but leave to appeal was Solicitors: Stringer Saul;

Refusal to hear counsel was breach of natural justice

Regina v East Berkshire Coroner, Ex parte Buckley Before Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Laws

[Judgment November 20] It was a breach of natural justice at a coroner's inquest for the coroner to refuse to hear counsel's submission that the jury be invited to consider a verdict of "lack of citie". That was so even where the coroner felt on the evidence that no easonable jury could find lack of

Mr Justice Laws so held in the Queen's Bench Division granting an application by Clara Buckley for judicial review of the inguest held by Mr R. W. Wilson, the East Berkshire Coroner, on October 25, 1991 into the death in Broadmoor Special Hospital of her son Orville Blackwood and ordering a new

Mr Edward Fizgerald for the applicant; Mr Simon Readhead for the coroner.

deceased had been transferred to Broadmoor while imprisoned for tobbery. He was an acutely ill patient who was a potential danger to himself and others. He had been given forcibly two injections of benothiazine into the buttock and had died shortly afterwards.

At the inquest the applicant's counsel had sought to submit that the jury should consider lack of care, in that the second injection need not have been given immediately after the first. Counsel had sought to make the submission after the conclusion of the evidence but the coroner had sfused to hear him. The coroner had properly con-

ceded that that refusal was a breach of natural justice and that there was material on the evidence upon which a reasonable jury might have found lack of care, although the coroner did not accent that there was in fact any

reasonable jury could find tack of care, he ought still to have heard The Coroners' Rules (SI 1984 tork lets

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No 552) did not permit submissions at an inquest to be made as to the facts, but in his Lordship's verdict ought or ought not to be left to a coroner's jury was always a submission of law, unless it was merely a colourable attempt to persuade the jury of a certain version of the facts. That was not the case here, and such a sub-mission could, and should, be made in the absence of the jury.

The coroner having accepted that there were grounds on which a reasonable jury could find lack of care, it would be quite wrong for the court to refuse relief. Lord Justice Watkins agreed.

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Women who have made it at the Bar: Lord Justice Butler-Sloss, Patricia Scotland, Britain's first black woman OC, and Mrs Justice Booth

Rough justice at the Bar

premacy, reached what was hailed as a watershed last week when it published findings of the first survey into sex discrimination

in the profession. The report, a severe indictment of prevailing attitudes. is the first concrete evidence of "substantial and continuing unequal treatment between the sexes at many levels of the

Women, it found, suffered discrimination in obtaining pupillages (training places) and tenancies (permanent seats in chambers); in the allocation of work by clerks; in earnings and in selection for promotion to senior ranks.

The statistics are salient. Although a fast-growing pro-portion of the Bar (women now make up 42 per cent of those called compared with 11 per cent in 1975), women barristers are not proportionately represented in the higher levels of Oueen's Counsel. On the bench, there are no women law lords, one out of 26 Court of Appeal judges, four of 83 High Court judges, 20 of 406 circuit judges, 39 of 677 recorders, and 42 of 354 Stani recorders. I ne iaun u not just with selection; women

are not applying for the bench. Just to enter the profession there are significant hurdles: women (of comparable educational qualifications with the men) have to make on average 12 applications for pupillage compared with eight by men and have more interviews (5.2) on average, compared with 3.8 for men). More than half the women were asked about future plans, marriage and children, compared with 27 per cent of men. For tenancies the figures were 39 per cent

and 14.6 per cent. Discrimination is a dirty word: no-one wants to admit to it on their own doorstep. The report has been applauded by barristers on all sides of the profession. But ask a top woman barrister if she has faced discrimination herself,

Frances Gibb on how 'jobs for the boys' make it difficult for women to climb the legal ladder

and the answer is almost always "no". Like Lady Macbeth on Duncan's murder -"What, in our house?" - half the heads of chambers in the survey agreed that women were disadvantaged; but the problem, they said, was not in their own set.

Yet to succeed, most women barristers agree that they have had to conform to a male club. have (as the survey overwhelmingly found) felt under pressure to perform better than men and felt their performance under

greater scrutiny.
Lesley Holland, a prin cipal consultant with TMS Management Consultants. Bournemouth, who conducted the survey, said the discrimination which came as no surprise and was "no worse than in any other profession" - was not

deliberate. "It is not that barristers want to exclude women. But the Bar has a set of traditions, cultures and values which quite unconsciously and unintentionally men and prov hurdles for women." Hilary Heilbron, QC, vice

chairman of the Bar's sex discrimination committee and a successful silk in the largely male area of the commercial Bar, concurs: the problems are "deeply rooted in attitudes of mind compounded by the traditions of the profession

As Helena Kennedy, QC, puts it in her book, Eve Was Framed, the "smell of the gentleman's club permeates every crevice at the Inns of Court. The odour of exclusiveness, like most personal smells, never offends its owners — indeed, they are usually quite impervious to it."

One significant finding from the 600 responses (from men and women) was that women blame clerks, who

main sources of disadvantage, followed by solicitors. Barristers' clerks were privately "outraged" at the findings. They do not concede they discriminate in alloming briefs and boast proudly of the women in

But they also admit that in a recession, which makes for heightened competition at the Bar and solicitors unwilling to

'If those doing the choosing are male, then they are always

going to get their own kind'

try new counsel, women, who are in greater numbers at the lower levels, will suffer from the current insistence among solicitors for counsel who are "tried and tested" and a "safe

Paul Shrubsall, the chairne insulvie of Baitis ters' Clerks, dismisses the of call" criterion for silk, but allegations of bias in work distribution as generally unfair. "Obviously there must be pockets of discrimination and there must be chambers which do not want 50 per cent women. That is wrong, and needs to be addressed, perhaps through our code of conduct, to raise awareness. But it is unfair to say that a prime source of the problem is

the clerk." The Bar has taken a leap (unmatched in any other profession) in admitting, identifying and publicising the problem. Tackling it will be harder. There are some obvious steps which can be taken: of a range of recommenda-tions which include positive action such as targets (for chambers, and the judiciary, allocate the briefs, as one of the to aim for), Lesley Holland

gatekeepers. If those choosing are male, they are always going to get their own kind."

Barbara Hewson, of the Association of Women Barristers, which prompted the survey, will be watching to see how the recommendations are carried forward. The Bar already has commitment in the shape of its equality committee and equality officers; one of them. Pamela Bhalla, says they are working on a new equality code which will be "promoted fairly forcefully". Less certain is the attitude of the Lord Chancellor's department, whose brief response to the report did not presage any willingness to consider

Women are in no doubt the haul will be long. But, they

say, at least the report raises awareness. "The law is a very central institution." Helena Kennedy says. This is not just about jobs for the girls. It's something much wider and more pervasive - making society just and fair."

Sex-bias ruling will make history

ext week the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg will hear a case brought by Miss Helen Marshall which raises issues of fundamental shall which raises issues or fundamental importance to the development of sex discrimination law in the United Kingdom.

Miss Marshall already has a place in legal history. In 1980, the Southampton Health Authority dismissed her from her post as a series disting on The sole mean for the sole means and acceleration.

senior dietician. The sole reason for the dismissal was that she was over the age of 60, the contractual retirement age for women employed by the authority. Like many employers at that time, the authority allowed

men to continue working until the age of 65.

To obtain a remedy for this blatant sex discrimination, Miss Marshall pursued her former employers from the industrial tribunal all the way to the European Court of Justice. She asserted that Community law, in

particular the Equal Treatment Directive 76/207, made her employer's conduct unlawful, and should take priority over the narrow provisions of the Sex Discrimination Act 1975, which excluded any claim for sex discrimination "in relation to death or retirement".

The European Court of Justice held, in February 1986, that Miss Marshall was the victim of unlawful sex discrimination contrary to Community law. The court accepted that the directive forbids sex discrimination in occupational retirement ages, and that this prohibition is directly enforceable in domestic courts and

tribunals against a state employer, which included the health authority. Parliament responded by enacting provi-sions in the Sex Discrimination Act 1986 making unlawful sex discrimination by any employer in relation to retirement ages.

This triumph did not fully satisfy Miss Marshall. She was unimpressed with the payment to her by the authority of £6,250 compensation, the maximum award to which a person was then entitled under. domestic legislation. She returned to the industrial tribunal and established that her premature retirement had, in fact, caused her financial loss of over £19,000.

In 1990, the Court of Appeal rejected by 2her argument that the statutory cap on compensation for sex discrimination is itself in breach of Community law. Last year, the House of Lords referred this issue to the European Court of Justice,

where it will be considered next week. The case is of importance because employ-ers in the United Kingdom do not yet take sex discrimination law seriously. With honourable exceptions, they largely ignore their obligations unless and until a case is brought. They then take legal advice, and, if vulnerable, settle in the knowledge that the statutory maximum for acts of sex discrimination (now £10,000) means that the matter can be

resolved out of petty cash.
Were Miss Marshall to succeed, employers would have to compensate victims of sex discrimination for the full extent of their loss or damage. This would provide a financial incentive to employers to apply the principles of equality law in their personnel decisions. For Miss Marshall to enjoy another triumph would make it much easier for other women to achieve equal treatment without litigation.

It will not be easy for Miss Marshall to win this case. The majority of the Court of Appeal found against her because of another judgment of the European Court in 1984 which held that the Equal Treatment Directive does not include any sufficiently precise provisions on sanctions which can be relied on by individuals in national courts.

However, the European Court is influenced by concepts of policy. There has been, in the past few years, a stream of decisions from the court designed more effectively to im-

plement Community law. The European Court knows very well that without action on its part, domestic courts are not

always keen to enforce Community laws. The latest example is the disappointing decision of the Court of Appeal last month rejecting a judicial review application brought by the Equal Opportunities Commission. This challenged the less favourable treatment of parttime workers in relation to statutory redundancy pay and the right to compensa-tion for unfair dismissal. The majority of the court adopted a very narrow approach and held that there was no decision which could be subjected to judicial review by the EOC. The enforcement of what the European judges have described as the "funda-mental right" to equality without sex discrimination continues to depend on individuals like Miss Marshall and the leadership of the European Court.

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Legal eye from TV

HOSTS of well-known lawyers are nursing their disappointment and lost chances for TV fame after Channel 4 last week spurned their efforts to become involved in a new series on legal affairs to be screened this spring. A small independent production company, Atlantic Eye, of Windsor, Berkshire, fought off 45 other applicants to win the commission. The editor, Adrian Milne, who qualified as a solicitor at Macfarlanes before joining the BBC many moons ago, says: "Our programmes will get inside the legal process and show how it often fails the people it is supposed to serve." Mr Milne held senior editorial positions on Newsnight, Panorama and



INNS AND OUTS

Horizon. The law may be in for a savaging. Channel 4 has said that no practising lawyers or anybody else connected with the legal establishment will be a presenter or part of the production tearn. A Channel 4 spokesman said: "The programme will be completely independent of the

legal profession." Le Squat

FRENCH law on squatting is much the same as that in the UK and has prompted the city council in Marseilles to devise a scheme to bring an end to the fear of eviction experienced by those who squat on derelict land. Instead of forcing them off, the city council will provide unfinished building shells which squatters can help to build into houses. Rents will be low and determined by, among other things, the amount of labour and other investment the squatter puts into construct-

ing the house. Donkey work

DO we need more radical remedies against drink-drivers? And could we learn something from the women vigilantes of the North Indian state of Manipur? Alcoholism became so rife in Manipur in the 1970s that women joined forces in large numbers to root it out. Their treatment of

and parade them through the streets. Perhaps this could also solve the problem of how to entertain frustrated commuters in traffic jams.

Value added

HAS the Law Society finally admitted that it may be a mite inefficient? It is advertising for a management consultant to help improve the "quality, efficiency and effectiveness of the society's services". Applicants for the £25,000-a-year job must have "at least two years experience of value-for-money studies", which, comments one member, "presumably rules out any internal appointments".

Blooming

GREEN law cases are bur-geoning the Environmental Law Foundation last week celebrated its first year, and in that time it has received 255 applications for advice. Of these, more than a hundred cases have been referred on to solicitors. There are now 151 solicitor members.

Workload

WILL the sight of assistant solicitors and pupil barristers trailing along behind their seniors, lugging small legal libraries, soon be a thing of the past? Under new regula. tions which come into force on January 1, employers will male drinkers is severe but face strict requirements reported to be effective - they where work involves the haztie them naked to a donkey ardous manual handling of

loads. The new rules will govern offices and services as well as the more traditional forms of manual labour. They also recognise the risks of cumulative injury. There are also new rules covering the use of computer display

picks out selection criteria at

every level, from entry to the

bench. These should be de-

fined, job-related and publi-

cised, bringing more objectiv-

ity into recruitment. Some

chambers, 1 Essex Court for

instance, already have tests for

applicants rather than the

usual subjective interview. Sec-

When it comes to Queen's

Counsel and the judiciary,

the survey authors felt

positive action was needed

to encourage women to apply, with a radical over-haul of the procedures to

make them more open,

systematic, objective and,

Women represent only 5

per cent of all QCs: in May

this year there were 41

women OCs out of a total of

760, although they account for

which QCs are drawn. It was

only last year that the first

black woman QC, Patricia

Scotland, was appointed. The

survey found a growing pool

who are not applying as often

as men, relative to their num-

still wrongly perceive earnings

levels to be crucial for selection

to silk, which in the past it was.

(Women's earnings tend to be

lower than those of men.)

Another is that the age for

applying clashes with child-

bearing. Then there is the need to be known and noticed

by senior members of the

profession, "the system of pa-

tronage", as the report put it.

network", favours men and

actively dissuades women,

who see few role models in the

higher ranks. "It is harder for

women to pass the Heineken

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Engaged

FEMALE barristers are as vain as their male counterparts and bask in the lime-light of TV cameras as a young journalist from a legal magazine found to her chagrin last week. The hack was desperate to go to the lavatory before a press conference on crimination. She found the lavatory occupied by female barristers busy applying make-up before being caught on the TV cameras.

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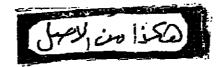
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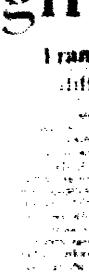


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THEATRE: Kenneth Rea meets the Japanese director Yukio Ninagawa, on a brief visit to London

Midwife to a universal message

oreign directors have made a huge impact on the British theatre scene over the past decade, but few of them have stirred audiences as much as Yukio Nimagawa. Since his samural-style Macbeth became the sensation of the Edinburgh Festival in 1985, Ninagawa's Japanese company has returned, notably with Medea. Suicide for Love and The Tempest, to a mounting wave of international acclaim.

On Thursday his Noh-inspired

version of The Tempest can be seen in London for the first time when the company gives four performances at the Barbican Theatre. This short visit marks both a new policy for the Royal Shakespeare Company, which plans to host more foreign companies in future, and a second beginning for Japan's most famous director.

Ninagawa made his name by giving western classics a distinctly Japanese flavour, thereby throwing fresh light on familiar plays. Macbeth became an exquisite ritual witnessed by two old women ourside a Buddhist temple. Medea drew on the voluptuous bravura of Kabuki acting. And Ninagawa placed The Tempest on the Japanese island of Sado where a group of exiles enact the play under the guidance of their director who also plays Prospero.

There's a great theatricality and sensuality about his work," says RSC director Adrian Noble, who invited Ninagawa to the Barbican. And an exoticism that actually chimes with something central to those great passions of Shake-speare. We tend to think of everything as being English, which it isn't. Take The Tempest— an island off the coast of Italy. Or 15 locations in the Mediterranean for Pericles. Or a gloomy castle off the Danisa coast. They're quite exotic, rather romantic landscapes."

The special quality of a Ninagawa production is its emotional intensity, though this is achieved as much through the masterial blending of music, light and visual images as through the acting itself. Ninagawa has the knack of tugging at the heartstrings with unabashed romanticism, while stopping just short of an allout wallow in sentimentality. The result is an unforgettable theatrical magic that seems to have been



Yukio Ninagawa: "The directive first audience. I try to produce something unlike anything anyone has ever seen before" dragged up from the depths of his soul. In Macheth he used the music. I always tell my actors the text is and I feel I will be different."

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"The director is the first audience," says Ninagawa. "I try to produce something unlike anything anyone has ever seen before. I "Since I became a director, there

produce something unlike anything anyone has ever seen before. I hasa't been a time when I didn't always tell my actors, the text is the mother, the actors are the father. a pain in the stomach," he The child they have is the play. My Then after Suicide for Love role is that of the midwife - to in London, my body finally gave deliver a healthy child. If I can orme. The day after I got back o I was vomiting blood. I achieve that and see something I've never seen before, then the pain is ays had trouble from bad ulcers, but now I had to Directing plays is surely one of the most stressful jobs around. To operation. And that has

look at the frail, quietly-spoken
Ninagawa, you could be forgiven
for wondering how he has had the
resilience to stand up to it, especially as his productions are conceived

life in a more favourable way."

One way Ninagawa's born-again phase has shown itself is an eagerness to work with younger actors. Another characteristic of the new Ninagawa is a move away from grandeur and spectacle. Tango at the End of Winter, Ninagawa's first production with English actors, which started Alan Rickman and Suzanne Bertish,

was conceived on a more intimate

scale than most of his other work,

and currently Ninagawa is rehears-

ing a production of Chekhov's

show changing. It is not the entered with the life with I am beginning to look at the stormach." Says Ninagawa. "It's a

second chance for me as a director and I feel I will be different."

It was in this spirit that Ninagawa threw himself into rehearsals for the revival of The

hearsals for the revival of The Tempest, eager to test whether his earlier vision of the play stands up to his new values. Why is he constantly drawn back to Shakespeare?

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"Playwrights, especially in Japan, can't write very well about what's going on today, so directors turn to Shakespeare where there is a humanity and universality," says Ninagawa. "When I choose to direct a Shakespeare, I'm looking for the most universal plays, which can have a resonance in Japan. And when touring abroad I test whether they are universal for the rest of the world.

"When I first read The Tempest, in my early twenties. I thought it was very mysterious. When I reread it years later. I felt deeply impressed by it. I felt then that this was a story about how people made peace with the world. For example

TODAY's Rossini singer par excellence, Cecilia Bartoli devoted her

programme entirely to that com-

poser in a bicentennial homage at

the refurbished Wigmore Hall. On

a drab November afternoon it was

like hearing a voice of blue skies

She is the most accomplished coloratura mezzo since the much-

loved Teresa Berganza, with an almost faultless technique that, on

this occasion, seemed to be lifting

her voice more into the soprano

range. Yet it is firm and well-

supported, from high to low, with a

strong chest register on which

Rossini so often depends for elo-

quence of colour and feeling.

This shone through as she fol-

lowed an opening group of songs

that owed much to the rhythmic impetus of her attentive piano

partner, György Fischer, with five

successive Rossini settings of the same Metastasio verse. "Mi lagnero tacendo", requiring the

singer to declare "I shall suffer

mutely" while doing the opposite.

and warm sunshine.

Shakespeare says, 'All the world's a stage, and all the men and women merely players.' By seeing Prospero as a director I thought I might explore the idea of how people make peace with the world. And when you think of it like this, it becomes a story about ourselves. That was why I decided to direct

The Tempest.

"Then there was the problem of Japanese people doing Shake-speare. How should we understand it? Prospero has been exiled to an island. In Japan that becomes more familiar if the island is Sado where many Japanese criminals and outlaws were exiled. That's also where Zeami, the father of Noh theatre, was exiled. On Sado, even today, there are more than 30 Noh stages. So in order to understand the universality of Shakespeare we had to set the play in Japan."

his sounds all very sensible, but the context of theatre in Japan is not necessarily receptive to such carefully thought-out concepts. Because the very young are the ones with the time and the money in Japan today, they make up most of the theatre-going public. And they are usually catered for with inane productions that rely on frenetic energy and an unremitting barrage of sensation rather than clear thought. The 50-year-old Ninagawa and his contemporaries are seen as very much the older generation.

Significantly, Ninagawa's most famous production, the samurai Macheth, was received coolly by Japanese critics before it reached Edinburgh. For them it was not "Shakespearean" enough, meaning that it should have looked more western

Ninagawa dismisses this with impatience. "Japan is just a tiny village in the rest of the world," he says. "And there are many people there who think they are very important in that little village. But I feel we have to destroy the village mentality and bring fresh ideas from outside. We have to break down the walls and place the village in the world. So I see my visits overseas as a chance to bring fresh air back to the village."

● The Tempest is at the Barbican (071-638 8891) Thursday, Friday at 7.15pm and Saturday at 2pm and 7.15pm

She had fun with the flirty humour of "La regata veneziana",

voicing encouragement for her favoured gondolier with dramatic

feeling, and the kind of vocal allure

in Venetian dialect that put the

character in front of us as if she had

But the major operatic items

stand testimony to a composer who

could design his music for a greater

splendour of vocal beauty, as in a

dazzling aria for the goddess Ceres

in Le nozze di Teti e di Peleo, and

especially in the great set-piece aria from Semiramide, "Bel raggio lu-

singhier", where the vocal runs and

roulades glittered enchantingly, save only for a somewhat effortful

The audience called the singer back for three encores before they

would let her go, among them a

sudden unexpected switch into Mozart for Cherubino's "Voi che

sapete", sung with elegance of style as well as feeling.

NOEL GOODWIN

been in costume.

RECITAL: Cecilia Bartoli at the Wigmore Hall

Sunny afternoon

NEW MUSIC

Novelty and some dramatics

A MOMENT of high extra-musical drama touched the closing weekend of the Huddersfield Contemporary Music Festival. It happened when Luciano Berio, conducting the BBC Philharmonic Orchestra in his Sinfonia, the climax to a concert devoted to his work, stopped after the first movement to complain about the inadequate level of amplification provided for the voices of Electric

Phoenix.

After this episode concentration understandably slackened, and the second movement, that haunting homage to Martin Luther King, came close to disaster. But the singers recovered and the work survived well.

The concert in any case had been hastily re-structured because of the cancellation of the planned performance of Berio's new Ofanim. Instead the soprano Luisa Castellani began the evening with Sequenza III (1966), as flexible with face and hands as with voice, and then, with a chamber group from the BBC PO, took the solo soprano tole in Berio's elegant memorial for Bruno Maderna, Calmo (1974). Judith Rees joined her to lighten the atmosphere with the evergreen and inventive arrangements of Folk Songs (1973).

In a way Berio represented the middle ground at this year's festival; his music is at once cerebral and theatrical. A recital devoted to Klaus Huber's work, given by the German chamber group Ensemble Recherche, showed another composer of intellect who demands much from his listeners. But Huber is also a poet in sound, as this concert revealed. Magali Schwartz a mellow-voiced singer utterly in control of her instrument, gave an early cantata, Auf die ruhige Nachtzeit (1958), as exquisitely as its post-Webernian delicacy deserved. The contemplative if often melancholic mystique of later works, such as Fragmente aus Frühling (1987), Schattenblatter (1975), and especially the subdued Des Dichters Pflug (1989), testified amply to Huber's stature.

For the festival's final concert, given in St Paul's Hall by the London Sinfonietta under Diego Masson, the accent was on British music, though it ended with Xenakis's powerful Thallein (1984). Simon Bainbridge's energetic Concerto in moto perpetuo (1983), Jonathan' Lloyd's cleverly obsessive Waiting for Gozo (1981), and Mark-Anthony Turnage's ferociously assertive, kaleidoscopic On All Fours (1985) — sat beside something new, Colin Matthews's Contraflow. Here a grittily energetic Scherzo and Trio is countered with a slow reprise in reverse that exposes deeper ramifications.

At the Royal College of Music, the RCM Twentieth Century Ensemble last Friday gave a bold concert under the direction of Timothy Bond and Edwin Roxburgh. There was a brave stab at Schoenberg's First Chamber Symphony and a strong reading of Messiaen's La Ville d'en haut (Hua Lin Cheng was the solo pianist). But the chief interest lay in the first performance of John Lambert's Accents, the fourth of an intended set of five chamber concertos collectively entitled Sea-Change, ideally to be performed at one sitting. Lambert, now in his sixties, has no publisher, and insufficient performances to his name. As Accents showed in its complex transformations of rhythm and tempo, he has much to say and he says it with courageous lack of compromise.

STEPHEN PETTITT

Breaking point

LYAL. Watson's incisively written play contrasts the impersonal process of the law with the heartache of the human problems it addresses. He recals the passions that see the under the smooth phrases of officialdon, and the tragedy underlying the arid words of a divorce.

ing thearid words of a divorce.

The four actors are on stage throughout, divided into couples. Sally and Paul are breaking up, each sit with a lawyer, she with an avaneuar traditionalist, he with a sleek wlir-kid woman solicitor who frequently refers to the vast sums her client is nating to get the best.

her client is paying to get the best.
Sian Edwards's direction for Trampoine Productions has the confidence to keep movement, lighting effects and over theatricality to a minimum. The estranged couple ocasionally prowl the stage, sometimes meet: but the drama comes from the relationship recollected not in tranquilliny but fury, bafflement and resignation; and, a descant d irony, the solicitors' letters to each other: formal, sometimes tetchy within the conventions of legal larguage.

of legal larguage.

Two important characters are constantly referred to but unseen:

Six Fools
Old Red Lion,
Islington

of Faure's Requiem and falling

cherry blossom, that gradually changed from white to red. to

underpin the hero's fate. In Suicide

for Love it was a long and turbulent

snowstorm that finally buried the

the children whose welfare is used as a tool, a weapon, a currency for barter as their parents gore and harry each other.

Here the play's intended impact is slightly blunted, since the parents are genuinely concerned for their daughters. One can only wish all marital splits showed as much love for the children.

This is thanks largely to the playing of Julia Watson, whose Sally is a woman distraught with grief, spitting out the venom that bespeaks wounded love. The author is painfully accurate on how jealousy demeans. Benny Young's adulterous Paul conveys the ecstasy and agony of middle age sexually infatuated with youth then abandoned by it, though he is the victim of some pseudo-poetic writing and a needless twist of the plot.

MARTIN HOYLE



Julia Wason plays Sally, "a woman distraught with grief, spitting out the venom that bespeaks wounded love."

DANCE: Nadine Meisner on Modern Living

Well travelled partners

THE dancer Lauren Poner was approached first, by Noninghamshire County Council's New Arts Work commissioning programme. They invited her to join in a creative collaboration with two jazz composer-musicians, the saxonhonist Andy Sheppard and Brazilian percussionist Nana Vasconcelos. But what about a choreographer? She suggested Jonathan Lunn, with whom she had often worked.

The result brings together topnotch artists and calls itself Modern
Living. Premiered in Nottingham,
it is in Birmingham (Midland Arts
Centre) tonight and tomorrow, and
reaches the Queen Elizabeth Hall
on Saturday and Sunday. At the
Gardner Centre, Brighton, where I
saw it, the sense was of a completely
equal partnership, with the musicians prominently active on stage.
They move around and play a
medley of instruments: unidentifiable wind ones for Sheppard as
well as his ordinary saxophone: an
even more extraordinary range for
Vasconcelos, who manufactures
bravura sounds with drums, metallic objects and his own voice and
hands.

The two men are supplemented by Steve Lodder who sits with his synthesizer behind a cut-out window in the back wall Peter Mumford's set transforms the stage floor into a flar central square surroundinto a flar central square surround. The dancers enter and leave through a back door or, in the case

of Jordi Cories Molina, along a

ledge.

Molina is the first dancer on stage, arriving to sort through a precarious mound of office files. Supple and expressive, he is one of a quartet of excellent dancers. There is Lunn himself; Kerry Woodward whose long, classical lines are exploited in dancerly solos; and Potter. Her state of early pregnancy in no way detracts from her gift for legible graphic shapes.

Lunn's choreography reveals another facet of his preoccupation with communication: he treats movement almost as a form of speech. The vocabulary looks more gestural than anything he has done before, everyday movements accu-mulating into elaborate edifices. An ensemble set-piece that ends the first half is a tour de force, the dancers sitting round a table and unravelling their movements like a conversation. Intermittently they all lift their faces upwards, as though following the passage of an airplane, the music evoking a soaring engine.

soaring engine.

At times either the dance or the music stands on its own. When the two come together, though, the close creative rapport is evident.

Modern Living is a perfect fusion of sight, sound and movement that offers the extra pleasure of live interaction on stage. Accompanying performances is an exhibition of drawings of the rehearsals by

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Andi Cortes Malina: Supple and expressive, he enters along a ledge, to sain through a precurious mound of office files

LONDON CONTEMPORARY DANCE THEATRE: For the second week of its Sacker's Weits season, LCDT is presenting three works new to London by three choreographers who have never worked with the company before. The Farnitum-based America Mile. never worked with the company belon The Frankfurt-based Amenda Maler contributes. My Father's Vertigo, while Jyrical, playful Motorcade to music by Saint-Seans. Early in the week the semi-sears, sany in the west the popular and energetic Risud is on offer but the biggest draw on Friday and Saturday is Rischy to be Rocater, a ballet created by Christopher Bruce using a soundtrack of Rolling Stones songs Sadien's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, EC1 (1071-278 8916). Tonighi-Sat, 7.30pm, mai Sat, 2.30pm.

CAROUSEL: The National's new production of the Rodgers & Hammerstein musical, the first important London showing since 1950 Nicholes Hybrid directs; choreography by the late Sir Kenneth Mackellan; Michael Hayden heads the cast. National (Lythelton), South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 2252). Previews from lonight, 7.30pm, opens Dec 10, 7pm.

CYRANO DE BERGERAC: The new version of the tamous Rostand tale directed by Elijah Moshinsky, Robert Lindsay plays the name distance lover.
Theathe Royal, Haymerket, SW1 (071-930-8900). Previews from tongrit, 7.30pm; opens Dec 14, 7pm; then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, Lindsay plays the long-nosed, long-

TRELAWNY OF THE "WELLS": THELAWNY OF THE "WELLS":
Toby Robertson's production of
Priero's engaging comedy about thestre
folk in mid-Victorian London. Sarah
Brightman as Rose Trelawny, a star of
Sadler's Wells who leaves the theatre to
many an enstocrat. heads a termic cast
which includes Michael Hordem as Sir

☐ ANNIE GET YOUR GUN: IVING Barin's pre-faminist musical is no model for a Ninestes woman but the songs are simply terrific.

Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (071-839 5987). Tues-Sat, 7.30pm, mass Thurs, Sat, Sun, 3pm. 160m/ns.

ASSASSINS: Sondherm's sharp and successful musical evolures the and successful musical explores the impulse that drives no-hopers to kill American Presidents Dommar Warehouse, Earthern Street, WC2 (071-887 1190), Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs, Sat, Spm. 105mins.

☐ HAY FEVER: Very lunny performances (not always where you expect) in Coward's excellent cornedy Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-8671115). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mals, Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 150mins. IN IT RUNS IN THE FAMILY: Larks in

the hospital common room; metron outraged; doctors flummoned. Ray Cooney lerce with lots of laughts.
Playhouse, Northumbertand Avenue,
WC2 (071-639 4401). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat,
8.30pm, mais Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5.30pm.

AN IDEAL HUSBAND: Anna Carteret, Harinah Gordon and Martin Shaw in Wilde's "insider dealing" melodrama. Some dated assumptions but etylishly done. Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5095). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mass Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 165mins. ☐ JUNE MOON: Naive songwriter conquers Tin Pan Alley, Desgribul cornedy by Ring Lardner and George S. Kaufman. Excellent cast. Vaudevilla, The Strand, WC2 (071-636 9997) Mon-Set, 7.45pm, met Set, 3pm.

KISS OF THE SPIDER WOMAN: Tremendously glossy production of the Kander & Ebb musical, it coarsers the values of Manuel Puig's novel but Chita Fivera makes a striking vamp. Straffesbury, Shaffesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 160mins. IN LOST IN YONKERS: Superb performence by Rosemary Harris In a Nell Simon comedy more weighty than usual. Maurean Lipman gwes good valua as a loopy aunt.

NEW RELEASES

SLADE HUNNER (15). In a improved "director's cut" of Fidley Scott's Influential vision of a dark, helish L.A., Intested with rebel androids. Hamson Ford, Rutger Hauer. MGM Fullman Road (071-370 2636) MGM Shaffeebury Avenue (071-836 6279/373 7025) Screen on the Green 071-283 3500

OF MICE AND MEN (PG): ◆ OF MICE AND MEN (PG): Steinbeck's classes Depression tale of Intendship and innocence. John Mallowich as the slow-witted Lenne, director Gary Snise as his protector Simple, sturdy and moving Curzon West End (071-439 4805) MGM Pulham Road (071-370 2636) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) UCI Whitelesse (071-792 3332) NR (071-792 3332) THE WATERDANCE (15): Trouble and this war is hubance [15]: Induce and fun in a male rehabitation word. Candid, humorous, keenly scied (Eric Stoftz, Witten by paraplagic Neal Jimmez, who directs with Michael Steinberg. MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Plaza (071-497 9939).

CURRENT

CINEMAS

◆ THE CRYING GAME (18). IRA Quintain becomes obesied with a hostage's girthrain Bold, powerful Net Jordan film that laters at the close. Stars Stephen Rea, Forest Whitalker, Jaye Davidson, Mirande Richardson. TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Karl Knight

William Gower, Helena Bonham-Certer as Imogen Perrott and Jeson Connery as Arthur Gower (the anatocrat Rose as Armar Gower (me aredocrat Rose talls in low with). Commely, Panton Street, SW1 (071-87-1045). Previews from tonight, 7-30pm; opens Dec 7, 7pm; then Mon-Set, 7-30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2-30pm. THE GHOST TRAIN: Amold Ridley's classic comedy-thriller set in a Cornish relitary station one dark and reliter high content of the content

DAVID SANBORN: A versable fusion player, the saxophonist has turned his back on session work to explore merdigras based compositions on his latest abum. Upfront.

Town and Country Club, Klibum High Road, NWS (071-284 0303), tonight.

REGIONAL BURNINGHAM: Peter Wright's production of The Nutrancker for the Birmbrigheau Royal Ballist — the finest various of Trehalfovsky's belief to be lound in Britain — returns to the Elimingham Hippochroms for a three-week season which runs until December 19.
Hippochrome, Hurst Street (021-822 7488), Tonight-Sat, 7:30pm, mets Thurs, 2pm, Sat, 2:30pm.

High wyconse: Opera 80 has changed its name to English Touring Opera, but the arm remains the same:

THEATRE GUIDE

House full, returns only Some seets evallable

Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 160mms.

C MURDER BY MISADVENTURE: Gerald Harper and William Gaunt play come writers who fall out and pit their of wits against each other: run-of-Whitehell, Writehell, SW1 (071-867 1119). Mon-Fri, Spm, Set, 8.30pm, mets Wed, 2.30pm, Set, 5.30pm, 120mins.

☐ MACBETH/THE TEMPEST: English Shakespeare Company with its latest modernish-dress productions: Tony Haygarth as the ambitious laird; John Woodwie in a saled Prospero. Royalty, Portugal Street (off Kingsway), WC2 (071-494 5020). Yernpest: tonight, 7.30pm, 180mins; Macbeth: tomorrow-sat, 7.30pm, mals tomorrow, Thurs, 2.30pm, 130mins. ☐ CUR SONG: Peter O'Todie in Keith Waterhouse's play about a menopeusal mate's infatuation with a young woman. Neatly done though we only hear the man's point of view. Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070). Mon-Fri, 8.15pm, Sat, 8pm

and 8.45pm. 135mins.

RADIO TIMES: Tony Stationy in a fun trip down Memory Lane, set in nun arp cown wermany care, see in wartime Broadcasting House, bursting with sprightly Noel Gay numbers. Cusear's, Statissbury Avenue, W1 (071-494-540), Mon-Iri, 7.30pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 2.30pm, Sat, 4.30pm.

IN THE RISE AND FALL OF LITTLE NOTICE Alson Steadman and Jane Horrods in Jim Cartwright's play about a stry girl escaping her raucous mother. Ingenious but incredible. Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6409, Mon-Set, 8pm, mst Set, 4pm.

■ THE STREET OF CROCODILES: Théare de Complicité presents the rightmare world of Bruno Schutz. Amazing effects, beweitering storyline. National (Cottestee), South Bank, S£1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Thurs, 7.30pm, met today, 2.30pm. 105mins. ☐ THREE BIRDS ALIGHTING ON A ☐ Seats at all prices FUELD: Harrist Waiter period again in revival of this subtle, comic state-of-the-nation play, set in a world of shifting values and plummating art-prices. Royal Court, Storne Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Mon-Sat, Born, mat Sat,

TRAVELS WITH MY AUNT: Smon Cadel, John Wells, Richard Kans, Christopher Gee play all 25 parts, male and female, in Giles Havergai's manelious adaptation of Graham Greene's novel. Wwwthawarts. Charing Cross Road.

opere deprivation. This season's repertoire consists of Verdi's last gree

reparative consists or vertir a less grees of opera, Falstaff (Wed, Fin), performed in Amanda Holden's affective English translation that one used at ENO), in a new production by Tim Hopkins, conducted by Stephan Bartow, and a newval of Stephan Madicall's Don Geovanni (Tues, Thurs, Saft). Wycomble Swam, St Mary's Street (M948 \$12000, eves, 7 Street (M948 \$10000, eves, 7 Street (M948 \$10000, eves, 7 Street (M948 \$10000, eves, 7 Street (M948

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE: Ramber

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE: Rambert Dance Compeny offers two separate programmes leakung the company premiere of Mark Beldwirt's Gone — described as a charming and witty pace, performed to a set of plano subsist by Echard Grieg — and Subhan Davies's Winsboro Cottom Mill Blues, a piece for len dancers; set to plano music by Fraderick Rowsia, combining the buse with the sound of testile mills. Theatre Royal, 100 Gray Street (091-232 2081), tonight-Set, 7.30pm.

232 2051), longin sail. 7 30 pm.

OXFORD: If attaining the age of 50 is the qualification for a mid-life retrospective, 881 Jackin has just berely envised in the right class. This retrospective, Urban Portraits, New York 1988-1982, is confined to his sich, powerful and disturbing work of the last seven years spent in New York.

Museum of Modern Art, 30 Perriproke Street (0867-72808). Trues-Set, 10am-Sprt (Trues to Sprtt), Sun, 2-6pm. Until Jan 10, 1983.

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SOUTHAMPTON: Welah National Opera stops in Birmingham this week. The touring repertoire includes a revisel of Glies Hawarga's The Barber of Series (Thurs); David Alden's admired new production of the Strauss opera Belding conducted on Wednesdey by the talented Carlo Rizzi and with Janet Hardy in the title role (on Saunday, Anthony Negus conducts); and Puccini Tossa, conducted by Julian Smith and with Anne Heath Welch in the leading role (tonght, Fri).

role (torught, Fri). Mayflower Theatre, Commercial Road (0703 229771), eves, 7 15pm.

Wycombe Swan, 5t mary f0494 512000), eves, 7,30

Wyndfanz's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Fit, 8pm, Sat, 8.15pm, mais Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm.

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LONG RUBRIERS:
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Brothers: Proenix (071-867 1044)

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Named More: Lyric (071-494 5045)

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Ambussadors (071-836 6111)

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5037) ...
Me and My Garts Adelphi color Dramacoat: Palacium (171-494 5037)...

Me and My Girl: Adelphi (171-836 7811)...

Les Misérables: Palacs (071-434 0909)...

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Thanton of the Opera: Her Majesty (071-494 5400) Return to the Forbidden Planet: Cambridge (071-379 5299) Starfight Express: Apolio Vetoria (071-828 8865) The Woman in Black: Fortune (071-838 2238) Ticket information supplied by Society of West End Theatre

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol •) on release across the country

Curzon Phoenix (071-240 9661) MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2638) MGM Haymarket (071-839 1527).

◆ HUSBANDS AND WIVES (15): Woody Allen's best film in years, a lacerating tale of collegising New York marriages. Stars Allen, Mila Farrow, Judy Davis, Llam Neeson, Juliette Lewis. MGM Perston Street (071-930 0831) mz (071-235 4225) Odeon ie (0425 915683) Renoli

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Unidentified Human Remains

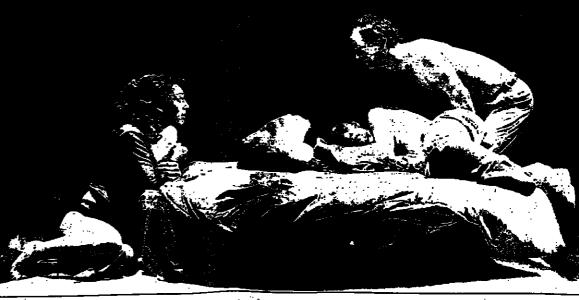
Traverse

THE programme quotes a guide-book's dismissive description of Edmonton, Alberta, the apparent epitome of North American provincialism. noted only for its shopping mall. But if Unidentified Human Remains and the True Nature of Love, originally developed by Workshop West Theatre, is indicative of the town's dramatic output, I wish London could be so provincial. Congratulations to Edinburgh for spotting this extraordinary piece by Brad Fraser, one of Canada's most controversial playwrights, and to the new Traverse for its most gripping

production yet.

The play deals with the nerve ends of love and friendship and the raw area between: love between man and woman, man and man, woman and woman. Wry, frightened, angry or hopeful, they stalk the city in search of one another and themselves. Meanwhile, a serial killer is loose, raping, murdering and mutilating. Here is another evocation of the late 20th century urban nightworld and the beasts that prowl there, the weird passions festering beneath small-town normality: a dash of Blue Velvet, the hint of a less surreal Twin Peaks, but

with a flavour all its own. David is gay. He shares a flat with straight Candy who attracts both a local barman and lesbian Jerri. An exactor working as a waiter, David fills his emotional emptiness with casual sex and a loving friendship with Bernie, a married man with sadistic



The nerve-ends of love and friendship: (left to right) Irene Macdougall, Dougray Scott and Kenneth Bryans

tendencies towards women. Another friend, Benita, is a telepathic whore who can read her clients' minds as she services them and confirms the identity of the killer. She also acts as a kind of chorus, sporadically regaling us, as in a refrain, with those urban myths that have replaced the Grimms as our favourite bedtime chillers: courting couples dogged by homicidal maniacs, or babysitters inadvertently locked in with escaped killers.

A film version is forthcoming, but it makes totally absorbing theatre. Ian Brown's sombrely powerful production

reverts to the proscenium arch but still achieves a cinematic flexibility with spotlights focusing on individuals as they comment to the audience or cutting from one speaker to another. The dark obverse of everyday life is emphasised perhaps too much. On the page. I suspect David's flip wit indi-cates a lighter touch. As it is, the comedy of a scene where Candy's male and female admirers unexpectedly converge to the amusement of her flarmate comes as a grinding gear change of mood.

This is a minor flaw in an absorbing just right for David's teenage fan.

production. (I have seldom seen John Knox's compatriots so breathlessly rapt as on the first night.) There is no weak link in a terrific cast with pretty good transatlantic accents but among the seekers after love Dougray Scott's David is a vivid mixture of cynicism. put-down bitchery and aching hopefulness; Irene Macdougall's telepathic tart has tense dignity. Charlotte Jones is touching as the lesbian who loves Lesley Vickerage's uncommitted Candy, and Tom Smith's mixture of heroworship and sexual bewilderment is

Bright lights, bikes and orchestral brilliance

"Tender is the North" festival came a glowing point of light: a new orchestral work by the 34-year-old Finn Magnus Lindberg, commissioned by the BBC and given its world premiere on Friday

by the BBC Symphony Orchestra-under Andrew Davis. Corrente II (the full orchestral version of an earlier Corrente for 16 players) is an important marker post in the composer's output, and as such made a resonant contribution to a festival hitherto lacking in outstanding new works. Corrente II has an authority and definition not heard before.

Lindberg's recent works - the piano concerto among them - have circled round chains of chords, their material transforming itself in what the composer describes as "a very gestural way". Now gesture is gone, the chaconne principle abandoned. Instead harmony is accumulated, through scale aggregations and combinations, and given impetus through rhythmic patterns kaleidoscopic in

The result is a kind of extended meditation on the nature of reverberation itself. Oscillation rose into hyperindividual instruments -- glockenspiel, sound of a powerful motorbike revving

MARISS Jansons, the newly appoint-

ed principal guest conductor of the London Philharmonic, likes to keep an

orchestra on its toes. He cannot be

guaranteed to do any passage the same way in concert as in rehearsal, and he is celebrated for his ability to pull out

something new at the performance.

The result, in his concert with the orchestra at the Festival Hall on

Saturday night, was electrifying. We-ber's Oberon overture began with horn

call and muted strings conjuring up a

magical atmosphere, before the main

Allegro took off as though jet-pro-

pelled. In technical terms, one knew

that the music's airborne quality was

achieved by exceptionally buoyant

rhythms. But there was also an element

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violin, harp - surface as if in a momentary cadenza, only to become the seed of orchestral re-generation. Lindberg likens the sensation to "a landscape viewed from different distances": details emerge in close focus then retreat to be seen in a broader

There could scarcely have been a better foil to the Lindberg than Jan Sandstrom's Trombone Concerto. One of the most frequently played new works in Sweden, where the piece has something of a cult following, it was receiving its British premiere at the Barbican. Word has obviously got around. A sizeable delegation of leather-clad supporters spread themselves among the more sober entrepreneurial and ambassadorial sectors of the audience to greet the soloist, Christian Lindberg, also clad in heavy motorcyde gear from top to toe.

For, in this concerto, written by the ex-minimalist professor from Pitea, trombone is bike and bike is hero. On a chance discovery that the trombone activity, and back into tense stasis; can, with absurd accuracy, imitate the

> being made on the wing, informed Richard Strauss's autobiographical tone poem, Ein Heldenleben. The

section entitled "The Hero's Battle-

field", in which the composer-hero

struggles against his critical adversar-

ies, was a particularly graphic enactment. Not so much a battle as all-out

war, this section had the quality of a

film epic — War and Peace, perhaps — with individual areas of confrontation

up. Sandstrom found the way to link four soundscapes, each of which, in turn, make considerable demands on the technique and aural imagination of the player.

The bike roars round the swamps of Florida, to Catholic Provence, on to Aboriginal Australia and back again. Much tut-tutting was heard, much pursing of the lips was evident. But this concerto - more a suite, really concealed some highly artful and imaginative writing beneath the audacious wit and shameless ego projection of its exterior. What is more, it was unalloyed fun from start to finish, and that is a quality not to be under-valued in this festival. The overture from Nielsen's opera Maskarade had, not inappropriately, begun the concert.

ON SATURDAY, Simon Rattle was to take up the challenge of another Sixth Symphony. The easeful joy in writing which characterises Nielsen's opera is seen in heavy quotation-marks in this ironically named "Sinfonia Semplice". Rattle and the City of

seemed still to be exploring, striving to come to terms with its black humour and its deliberate dislocations. If anything, it made the orchestra's performance the more compelling.

This concert, the last of Rattle's concentrated and revelatory Nielsen cycle, twinned the Sixth with the Fifth. Here, the very passion of Nielsen's struggle to maintain order and vitality in the shadow of musical and social disruption stimulated the CBSO to their finest playing.

As Nielsen ended, so Sibelius began. Sir Colin Davis and the London Symphony Orchestra not only recreate the characteristically organic quality of Sibelius's writing with excitement and conviction, but, inspired by Sir Colin, seemed to track down and become one with the innermost energies which motivate it. The Third and First Symphonies which staned this festival cycle flanked two of the composer's orchestral songs, sung powerfully by Karita Mattila. The Evening" was followed by the extraordinary and under-played Luonnotar, part of the Kalevala's creation myth. and unique in the flexibility and rarefied evocation of its setting.

Unpredictable pleasures

performance into a sphere of its own. A similar sense of immediacy, of music LPO/Jansons Festival Hall

to be a member of the thoroughly trounced critical fraternity to feel that this is Strauss at his most self-indulgent and therefore not at his most convincing. But Jansons's full-blooded interpretation entered, as one must, into the spirit of the piece with utter conviction. He was still able, elsewhere, to bring his fine ear and discriminating judgment to bear. "The Hero's Helpmate", a depiction of the

composer's wife, was by turns tender

and capricious. The solo violin playing

of the London Philharmonic's new

One does not have

leader, Joakim Svenheden, in this section, was commendably accurate, if rather too cool.

In Mozart's Piano Concerto K 491 in C minor, Jansons's characteristic spontaneity was nicely offset by the more cerebral approach of the soloist. Stephen Kovacevich. Not that the latter's playing was uninvolving. Rather, he allowed a dynamic sense of drama to emerge from a tight rational control. Eschewing sentimentality and other superfluous displays, Kovacevich nevertheless forged a powerful emo-tional bond with orchestra and conductor that projected this unique work with a fine feeling for its dark.

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A Tempest from Japan: Yukio Ninagawa brings his Noh-inspired

Shakespeare to London



Line up for the festive turkey trot

Christmas is coming and the bookmakers are taking bets on which record will be this year's seasonal No 1. David Sinclair sorts the runners from the non-starters

CHRISTMAS ODDS

1. FREDDIE MERCURY

In My Defence

2. ROD STEWART

Tom Traubert's Blues

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I Still Believe In You

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As Time Goes By

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I Will Always Love You

(9/4 favourite)

ack in the summer of 1942 Irving Berlin sat at the piano and played his new composition to Bing Crosby. Crosby removed his pipe and gave a typically laconic verdict: This one you don't have to worry about." The song was "White Christmas", and Crosby was right.

Some estimates put its worldwide sales as high as 30 million copies; only Michael Jackson's album Thriller has sold more. And since its release, singers, songwriters and record company strategists have never stopped seeing a glimpse of

Eldorado in the prospect of a Christmas hit. In Britain speculation as to what will be the Christmas No I has ional pastime. 1980s, the bookmakers William

Hill have given odds on which song will top the chart during Christmas week. The total amount likely to be wagered this year will be in the region of £50,000, a sum broadly comparable to that gambled on the Booker Prize or the Oscars, although a drop in the ocean com-Strangely, the

keener the interest in predicting which single will top the chart at Christmas, the fewer songs with an overtly seasonal message seem to appear in the running. True, Cliff Richard has romped home in recent years with two of the most nauseatingly slushy Christmas songs ever penned ("Mistletoe and Wine" in 1988 and "Saviour's Day" in 1990). But of this year's main contenders it is only his "I Still Believe In You" which makes any reference whatso-

ever to Christmas. But there are certain ingredients which are traditionally required of the most successful song at Christ-mas. A tragedy is good for business at any time of the year, but seems to acquire a special resonance during the festive season. Freddie Mercury

is currently favourite to prevail in 1992 with "In My Defence", a speciacularly mawkish tune from the musical Time, released on the first anniversary of his death.

Indeed, the Grim Reaper is a far more reliable harbinger of the Christmas No 1 than Santa Claus. Last year, William Hill wisely closed the book as soon as it was announced that, in the wake of Mercury's demise. Queen would be releasing "Bohemian Rhapsody" with all proceeds going to charity. Death and the charitable instinct

were in large part responsible for

the staggering success of Band Aid's "Do They Know It's Christmas?" in 1984. Thanks to the blanket success of this song, hungry mouths were fed and the bookies suffered their worst result ever. In Britain it has eclipsed even "White Christmas", and with sales in excess of 3,500,000 remains far and away this coun-

try's biggest-selling single to date. In 1989 a different cast, Band Aid II, revived "Do They Know It's Christmas?" and it topped the chart again. But Michael Jackson's "Heai The

World" which conforms most closely to the universal message-cum-charity-song ste-

Novelty records traditionally fare well at Christmas, and it could well be the musclebound hulks of the World Wrestling Federation Superstars - a sort of human equivalent of the Mutant Ninja Turtles - who take the honours this year with a suitably inane Stock/Watermanproduced rap-mantra called "Slam Jam". On the other hand the nostalgia card is always a strong one to play, and Jason Donovan has not spared the horses in his breathless bid to drive a reheated version of the Herman Hupfeld standard "As Time Goes By" (from the movie Casablanca) to the top.
Who is buying all this stuff?



Freddie Mercury: 9/4 favourite for a Christmas No 1 with "In My Defence", a spectacularly mawkish tune from the musical Time

Unlike the album market, where there is a huge upturn in sales in the run-up to Christmas (40 per cent of last year's album sales took place during the last quarter) sales of singles remain fairly constant throughout the year (28 per cent during the last quarter of 1991). But, as one record company representative candidly explained: "An army of gift-hunting, Daily Star-reading C1s and C2s is on the march, all keen to make their only record purchases of the year."

Contrary to popular belief, sales of singles are once again increasing at a steady rate (currently up 12 per cent on this time last year, an astonishing upturn, given the reces-

sion) and the awful thought occurs that the Christmas chart might be a truer reflection of "real" public taste than the charts for the rest of the year. Anecdotal evidence has long suggested the existence of a huge market of potential buyers with middle-of-the-road tastes who are poorty serviced by the music industry and the media alike. They listen to Radio 2 and have helped to make records by Bryan Adams and Extreme even bigger hits than they would have been anyway. Perhaps Christmas is the one time of the year when they finally get their say. If so, who will be the people's choice of 1992? Although I harbour a sneaking admiration for

Rod Stewart's highly calculated version of "Tom Traubert's Blues" (an old Tom Waits song), dispassionate analysis of the field reveals that the record which most closely conforms to all the requirements of a Christmas No 1 is Nick Cave & Shane MacGowan's version of the Louis Armstrong song "What A

Wonderful World".

The novel combination of the turnine Australian and the dentally-challenged ex-Pogues frontman is a pairing in the grand tradition of festively convened duos like David Bowie and Bing Crosby ("Peace On Earth/Little Drummer Boy": 1982) and Roger Whittaker and Des O'Connor ("The Skye Boat Song": 1986). The song itself has a suitably nostalgic cachet and its lyric chimes with the season of alleged good will.

But it is the final element of tragedy, furnished by the monu-mentally inept performance itself, which could well make this a surprise winner. Tunelessly mumbling, croaking and wheezing their way through the song like two old soaks at the wrong end of a karaoke evening, Cave and MacGowan evoke a horrific yet fascinating splendour that could well provoke the kind of massive charitable outpouring not witnessed since the days of Band Aid. At odds of 33/1 it could be worth a flutter.

TELEVISION

Ideals without a home

Thatever else Lady Thatcher did for British television, she certainly left its documentary-makers plenty to be getting on with. Hardly a week passes these days without a "Britain divided" film of one kind or another, over which the social policies of the deposed prime minister always cast an implicit shadow. Underclass television has become a genre in its own right.

Last night's World in Action, Who cares? (ITV), was an honourable example of the format, tran-scending its sloppy title to shed intelligent light on the fate of children leaving care. Seven young people aged 16 and 17 were tracked through a year of difficult adjustment from institutional life to unsteady independence. As an insight into the life chances of the 8,000 children in the same situa-

tion, this was depressing viewing. On leaving care, Paul, one of the seven, had been given a council flat and a £500 furnishing grant. The wood was rotten, the windows blown in and the heating broken. but this did not seem to diminish the sudden thrill of self-sufficiency. He talked with unconstrained optimism about becoming a businessman and buying his own place. By the end of the programme, however, Paul was under 24-hour supervision, driven out of the estate by sexual abuse. The council was sympathetic, but he was clearly back to square one.

Here, in a mundane setting, was Primo Levi's grim division of humanity into the drowned and the saved. On the one side of the divide was Genevieve, proud of the stark high-rise flat which she had turned into a real home, and raring to go

on college courses.

On the other stood the forlorn figure of Darren who predicted calmly that in a year he would be "locked up somewhere". Asked what his hopes were as he dragged himself out of another temporary bed, he said: "To get something better sorted out for Friday". By Friday, he was sleeping on a park bench, sliding into drugs and crime.

Local authorities are required by the Children Act to monitor careleavers but World in Action's own survey found that 73 per cent of councils could not afford to do so. That is an alarming tigure which next week's follow-up programme would do well to analyse: how does it compare with government

claims, and how could current spending be made more efficient? But I was more struck by the language which these teenagers spoke: they wanted to buy their own homes, support their own families. start their own businesses. They were, in fact, Thatcher's children, full of the ideals which she impressed on this nation, but wondering what on earth they were supposed to do next.

MATTHEW D'ANCONA

Angela Wigglesworth on a new work of art commissioned for Hereford Cathedral

Crowning the cathedral's glory

A few years ago Hereford Cathedral received a legacy from Dorothy Strong. Sir Roy Strong's sister, to buy a work of art to hang in the cathedral. It launched a national competition to find one, with a £50,000 prize for the winner and, from more than 20 entries, chose a design for an 18ft by 9ft oval corona (or crown) set with candles, to be suspended high above the sanctuary altar. It was submitted by a 36-year-old

silversmith, Simon Beer, and is the first corona to be made for a cathedral this century. There will be a service of dedication for it in the cathedral on Saturday. "I felt I was a real outside horse."

Beer admitted from his workshop in Lewes, East Sussex. "I'd made teapots, chalices, rings, cutlery and an Amnesty candlestick in Salisbury Cathedral, but nothing higher than 2ft." The brief was for a work of art "to

convey a transcendent message of radiance, joy, hope and confi-dence and the idea had come from dence" and the idea had come from
the lane Bishop of Hereford. John
Eastaugh, who felt the cathedral
lacked any "prominent manifestation of joy". Dorothy Strong's
legacy made the competition possible and in March 1991, two years
the Bishop's death, the after the Bishop's death, the Friends and the Dean set up a working party, which included experts in ecclesiastical art, to recommend an artist from a range

John Champion, chairman of the Friends, explained why they chose Beer's design. "Whereas



other entries - large paintines and sculpture - seemed to overpower the cathedral, the corona had a kind of transparency and lightness which enhanced it. It also had a feeling of hope and joy which was

the object of the exercise." Beer said the idea of a crown had come to him in the cathedral itself. When I first went there, I was completely overwhelmed. It was so big and splendid and I was very

ing a work of art for it." But on a subsequent visit, he went to Evensong and walked around the building to get the feel of its space and

It was then, he said, "that the thing started to gel. I think it was the shape of the Romanesque arches and decorative stonework that gave me the idea of a crown. Later, I began to think of it as part of the stonework itself, just not so dense; something that let the light

corona reflecting the cathedral, bright in places, dark in others." It took six months to make the crown of double-decked metal chevron links in gold and silver finishes, and it will be suspended from the cathedral roof by almost invisible steel threads; but it took 18 months for the Friends to steer the design through numerous cathedral committees whose approval was essential. At the last minute, there was concern about wax dripping from the candles and Beer fixed up a trial sample. The committee came to see it and I knew in two minutes all was well. They just said 'fine' and walked off to discuss the next item on their agenda. It was almost an

The chance to research some-thing so deeply has been immensely enjoyable, says Beer, a Freeman of the City of London and of the Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths. "I've also been very touched by the degree of hope and belief from those who commissioned

Now, he says, he cannot wait to get the corona hung, and walk out of the cathedral knowing his re-sponsibility for it is finished. Then I'd like to go back and look at it objectively as a visitor would, sweeping away all the work that's gone into it. I was determined that would be good, of course, but there's always the surprise element at the end, with things you can't know about beforehand, like its reflective qualities, how it feels, and whether it does work."

Tutus, tights and tiaras for the Foreign Office carnival

FOREIGN Office mandarins are accustomed to executing nimble footwork, of course. But this Thursday, for the first time, they will be welcoming a real ballet company into their hallowed inner sanctum. English National Ballet is to hold a charity Nutcracker Ball there, in the presence of the Princess of Wales, to mark the 100th anniversary of Tchaikovsky's ballet, and to raise money for both itself and the Stepping Stones (Peto UK) Appeal

for cerebral palsy.

ENB is building a stage in the Durbar Court, the Foreign Office's inner covered courtyard. Under the stern gaze of the statues of Clive of India and Warren Hastings, the 300 guests, who will be paying £500 each, will see highlights from ENB's production of The Nut-cracker, with new costumes for the Waltz of the Flowers specially designed by fashion king Christian Lacroix for the occasion

After dinner comes the Nutcracker Carnival, which draws on the history of the ballet to present authentic Chinese, Spanish and Arabian dances — not the more familiar choreographed versions we are used to from the ballet. The evening's finale features the Carnival of the Animals, choreographed by Wayne Sleep to specially com-missioned music by Pantellis Vassialkis. That will be performed by Sleep and students from the company's school. The Durbar Court, four storeys high and surrounded by balconies, has previously only ever been used for state functions. ENB's own production of The Nutcracker opens for its



traditional Christmas season at the

Festival Hall on December 21. FRANK McGUINNESS's play

Someone Who'll Watch Over Me opened on Broadway last week to mixed reviews, with the New York Times's chief theatre critic, Frank Rich, calling the hostage drama "sporadically amusing without being riveting, moving or particu-



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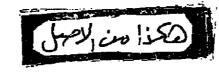
larly credible". But as was the case with another Irish play, Brian Friel's Dancing at Lughnasa, last autumn, Someone has one built-in advantage: as the first serious new play to open this season on Broadway, it may attract by de-fault what is left of New York's theatregoing public.

Fluff's finale

AFTER three decades, the cheery cry of "Greetings, pop pickers" will be silenced forever. Alan Freeman, one of the first BBC disc jockeys and, at 65, one of the longestlasting is to end his 30-year stint on Radio 1's weekly Pick of the Pops at the end of the year, although "Fluff" will continue with his Rock Show. The last of his Sunday-lunchtime shows will be on December 27.

Last chance . . .

THE pre-Columbian civilisation of South America sometimes seems so remote that it might belong on another planet. But if the human content of the sculptures and other artefacts in 'The Art of Ancient Mexico" remains largely mysterious, there is no missing their extraordinary formal qualities and extreme sophistication of techniques. The interiors of the Hay-ward Gallery (071-928 3002) at the South Bank have been transformed to show them off to best advantage, and a show of Bridget Riley's work in the last decade is Christian Lacroix new frocks . thrown in for good measure. Both



Staring back at Big Brother

Public scrutiny of

government

agencies will bring benefits to all, says

Edward Fennell

s the disclosures concerning sales to Iraq of machine tools with military applications continue to rock the trade and industry department, there is a certain irony in the fact that a couple of weeks ago an executive agency of the DTI, the National Physical Laboratory, won an award for its annual report to the public.

Designed to encourage efficiency in government, the publication of annual reports by about 50 executive agencies was made obligatory three years ago as part of the "Next Steps" programme. Equally important, however, was the drive to expose the performance of civil servants to public scrutiny. It also removes the cloak of confidentiality from routine government services.

John Wynn, a partner with the accountants Price Waterhouse which organised the awards, says: "The publication of annual reports by agencies marks an important step in openness by government."

The agencies have to release details of how they manage their finances and achieve (or fail to achieve) their targets. The significance of these disclosures goes beyond the reporting process itself. Supporters of "Next Steps" argue that annual reports embody the drive for governmental organisations to become more businesslike in their operations. They provide a constant reminder that every activity undertaken and all funds spent may have to stand examination from Parliament, the press and the public.

Such a stimulus helps to concentrate the mind marvellously. Dr Peter Clapham, the chief executive of the National Physical Laboratory, says: "In the old days, particularly in the 1960s when money was plentiful, it was pretty easy to obtain a new piece of



equipment whether or not it was really needed. Now, however, everybody asks themselves whether such purchases are necessary in the context of the organisations' objectives."

Systematic target-setting and performance measurement are critical to the programme's effectiveness. If the annual reports are to have any value, then agencies must come clean about their failures as well as trumpeting their successes.

There is a lot to be admired in the honesty of this year's "Recruitment and Assessment Services" report, for example, which lists in detail 25 targets for 1991-2 and then concedes that nine of them were not achieved. In the catalogue of failure, even four of its six key targets were not reached. Its attempts to fill 5,000 vacancies

fell short by over 2,000. And rather than increasing its productivity by 6.8 per cent (as the target demanded) output actually fell by more than 9 per cent.

Such admissions, at this stage in the process, are not necessarily indications of organisational incompetence. In many cases, they may be the start of a new hardheadedness in setting realistic targets within the resources available.

In general, the reports are still a little too complacent in tone. As Price Waterhouse commented in its analysis, many agencies are failing to produce a clear statement of their performance by comparison with their objectives.

"Taking the entries for the competition as a whole, the annual reports reveal that agencies manage to perform broadly

in line with their 1991-2 targets," Mr Wynn says. "But, at a time when private sector businesses are experiencing so much difficulty, their apparently good overall performance suggests that they are not yet fully exposed to the

o, if the full benefits of "Next Steps" are to be realised, the quality of management within the agencies needs to be tightened still further, and better comparative measures must be provided through the reporting system.

Yet, despite foot-dragging by some agencies, supporters of the changes are confident that a genuine cultural turn-round is being achieved. And, to complement that change, Dr Clapham envisages that, over time, the

agency reports will become increasingly like those of public companies.

"On the whole, company reports are positive and up-beat in style, but that is not always the case. When conditions deteriorate, then you expect to see that coming through. The same may apply to us. There could be a point in the future when I use my report to express anxieties about how things are going."

Gloomy annual reports, however, may not necessarily be bad news for the agencies. Those reports which demonstrate good husbandry but disappointing results should serve as a powerful public argument for increased resources. They might become rapiers for the agencies' defence rather than rods for their chastisement.

We are worthy of our hire

he government's decision to restrict public-sector wage increases to 1.5 per cent in the 1993 pay round may cause more than short-term strife. It could also have the most damaging effect on the management of the public sector, and the performance of public services, an area which Majorism has claimed as its own.

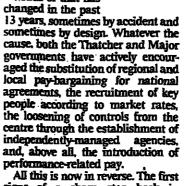
When the Conservatives came to power in 1979, the power of the centre over pay and conditions in the public services was tyrannical, whether exercised by the Civil Service Department directly or by the Treasury in relation to the nationalised industries and local authorities. The terms and conditions of every public sector worker were minutely scrutinised.

Despite the hundreds of grades,

each attracting its own special terms of service, the arrangements were across the whole of the public service, inflexible and orientated only towards career structures which except at the very top, inhibited achievement and innovation. Everyone received the going rate.

Much of that has

COLIN FARRINGTON



All this is now in reverse. The first signs of a sharp step back in government thinking were taken in the summer with the rejection of the Top Salaries Review Board report into the pay of senior civil servants and the judiciary.

After extensive research the review body came to the conclusion that salaries in the civil service from under-secretary upwards were between 39 and 45 per cent of the private sector market rate. However, the recommendations of the review board were rejected, and there are even those who believe that the 3 per cent increase agreed by the government from April 1993 is too much. But there are reasons deeper than immediate economic gains why we line up the fest wrkey t

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But there are reasons deeper than immediate economic gains why we should be concerned about the government's deliberate decision to devalue the work of its own employees.

In relation to the civil service, how can ministers look to advisers on whom they rely ever more heavily to protect them from the perils of their own policies, having, in the case of under-secretaries, arbitrarily robbed them of their pay increases.

Did ministers give no thought to

the impact of their decisions not only on current senior civil servants, but on those who are coming up thre ladder or who are being recruited? Now that the near-freeze has been extended across the public sector, what about the local authorities and the National Health Service?

Nor does the argument that public sector jobs are safe wash any longer. Cuts in central government will severely restrict promotion opportunities. Initial estimates suggest that about 12,000 jobs in the inner London boroughs alone will have to go over the next year, and that metropolitan authorities as diverse as Birmingham and Sheffield are said to be looking for large cuts in staff.

With so little flexibility around an effective pay freeze, we run a real danger of returning to a new form of scierosis in the public sector. With so little incentive, once the recession abates there is bound to be an exodus of the brightest and the best. That is the logic of the market.

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Legacy of a flawed vision

osehaugh's demise will hardly boost confidence in the property market. Its bankers. having maintained it as one of the living dead for about 18 months, have decided on a decent burial just at the moment when interest rates have come down to a level at which it would not have got into trouble in the first place. The two are not incompatible, however, Godfrey Bradman may have brought fresh air and vision to the property market, but Rosehaugh, his financial creation, was never so significant or so well based. This was as glaring an example of the perils of keeping crucial assets and liabilities off the balance sheet as any accounting reformer would care to find.

Whether Rosehaugh was liquidated gradually by property professionals or more formally by insolvency professionals was largely a matter of convenience for its creditors. The spring debt rescheduling was not enough to allow Rosehaugh to trade its properties in a dead market. In the end, the banks, led by Barclays and NatWest, had to face the choice of injecting more funds to little purpose or calling a halt.

The consequences are unlikely to be severe. Rosehaugh's most important asset is its stake in Rosehaugh Stanhope Developments, developer of the rose-red City office district of Broadgate as well as the later Ludgate development, itself vast by most other standards. As an indication of scale, RSD's debts are more than three times Rosehaugh's. These important developments will continue, creating enduring assets of great value which can be refinanced in one form or another. There was. however, little prospect of RSD producing income before 1994.

Stanhope, the very different partner in RSD, will not be helped by yesterday's events, but is not in such a weak position, having started earlier and built more of a portfolio of let buildings. Ironically, it might have been allowed to survive by the injection of funds from Olympia & York. Canary Wharf. O&Y's even more visionary development in Docklands, has yet to prove itself, but probably will. In the property business, vision was never a guarantee of financial returns. Rosehaugh's enduring legacy is its contribution to the City's position as a world financial centre.

Missing the point

mstrad, for which read Alan Sugar, is attempting to bring forward the hearing of a A court action that aims to delay its planned extraordinary meeting on December 10. You can see the point. If it is not certain that the meeting will go ahead until a couple of days beforehand, shareholders may not be inclined to concentrate their minds on the issue. They have to decide whether to approve the scheme that would allow Mr Sugar to buy out public shareholders at well below the value of assets attested by the Amstrad board and its auditors, or face an uncertain future.

The concern of the Amstrad board misses the point, however. This is not a matter of timing but of the advice available to shareholders. The board collectively commissioned Kleinwort Benson, which advised it that shareholders seemed unlikely to get more than Mr Sugar was offering by liquidating the third option, that shareholders should find new management, was not addressed as comprehensively and independently as many outside shareholders

That may seem absurd to the existing board, which is identified wholly with management, but that is hardly the point. Rather than assuming dissident shareholders have wilfully misunderstood his thinking, Mr Sugar would do better, even at this late stage, to commission independent advice on their behalf.

EUROPEAN VIEW

The final harvest approaches for France's army of small farmers

Wolfgang Münchau

sees cold comfort

ahead for French

agriculture and

draws a parallel with Britain's miners

he television pictures are only too familiar. Demon-strators are throwing petrol bombs at police in the heart of Paris. Elsewhere in the country roads are illegally blocked off. British lorries are being been stopped and some are overturned. A union flag is thrown into a bonfire, while street signs bearing Anglo-Saxon sounding names are torn down.

Images of French farmers, especially when they are not farming, conjure up violent emotions even among the otherwise placid. The French farmer is Europe's undisputed bogeyman, a symbol for everything that is wrong with the common agricultural policy (CAP) or even with the EC at large. Outside France, the farmer has few friends, apart from other Europeans farmers. But that does not count

The French farmers are held solely responsible for the hopeless deadlock in the world trade talks in Geneva under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt). Worse still, they are more than just a public order problem, and enjoy tacit support from the French government and the main opposition parties. So the yobbery is institutional. A poll last week showed that 82 per cent of the French population back the farmers. The world trade treaty, meanwhile, remains on hold and with it the promise of newly unleashed trade - some claim \$200 billion worth - in services, agriculture and textiles. This is a large price to pay by anybody's standards in order to keep a lew thugs off the road for a few more days

French farmers may have a history of militancy, but the recent proliferation of protests indicate more fundamental forces may be at work here. The rise in militancy is frequently a sign that an industry's lifecyle is nearing its end, while the workers, and frequently the management, too, are fighting against the inevitable. The present outbreak of violence may be nothing other than a frantic last gasp before death sets in, similar to the British miners' strike in 1984, arguably the last time when miners

It must be clear by now that at the end of the 20th century, there no longer exists a sound macroeconomic case for subsidising small farms in their present form and on the present scale, and certainly not through the price mechanism. This formulation contains a few qualifications: one is that the environmental protection of land, cultivated and cared for by farmers, constitutes a "common" good and therefore carrries a price



Road to nowhere: despite protests by French farmers, economic forces suggest they are fighting a losing battle

which needs to be paid for by the community at large. In addition to this, there are social, geographical and demographic issues involved. Hence, the idea of a complete free unsubsidised market for farm products is as unrealistic as was the oldstyle CAP. It would not be a serious alternative to the present regime. But however hard one tries to

juggle the figures and emphasise the common good element, there is no question that the benefits of a world trade deal would outweigh the combined economic benefits of small farming, possibly but not certainly even for France itself. France's manufacturing and service industry would n mom a Gan ment, but the extent to which it would gain will depend on the detail of the eventual treaty. The only certain element would be a drop in agricultural exports, which are responsible for the existence of a French trade surplus, as the pétrole vert is responsible for a monthly trade surplus of Fr4-5 billion. This is about the most impressive figure the French farm lobby can demonstrate in support of the agricultural sector's direct effect

on the economy. But what is far more interesting - and far less certain are the wider and less direct economic implications that further structural changes in the agricultural system would bring about. The main question therefore is not whether it is desirable to change the system (which it is) but how this change should be accomplished. It is therefore not a question of grand principles, such as industrial life-cycles, but a question of economic management under

🖣 he same problems of transition management arise, only on a much grander scale, for those in charge of managing an eastern European reform economy. A smaller-scale comparison would be the management of the British coal industry. In each case the outcome is more predictable than the means to achieve it and the route to get there. For the French farming sector the concept of structural change is not new. Since 1970, the agricultural working population has almost halved to about 1.5 million. around 6 per cent of the workforce.

But the bias towards small farming has remained. Of the 900,000 farms left, about 38 per cent are less than 10 hectares (24.7 acres), but occupy only 4 per cent of agricultural land. The size of the average farm is 28 hectares, less than half the size of the average British farm.

The main positive development since the 1970s is export performance. In 1970, French agriculture, including wine and processed foods, recorded a small trade deficit of Fr400 million. Since then it has moved into surplus, last year Fr45 billion, of which Fr42 billion went to the rest of the EC.

The strong trade surplus is now st from the reform in the CAP, which has been accepted by the French government, and then from the bilateral EC-US farm deal. which will form a crucial component in an eventual Gatt agreement. On this point, Pierre Berégovoy, the French prime minister, has threatened a "veto at every stage". The crucial and controversial point is the stipulated 21 per cent cut in subsidised EC exports and an overall 36

per cent reduction in export subsidies

spent by the commission. This, the French government believes, would drive several hundred thousand

small farmers out of business.

Over time, this will probably be inevitable. So why should the public sustain industries such as small-scale agriculture, if it are doomed anyway? The answer is that there exist sound economic reasons to manage the process of transition in a more delicate and gradual manner. One might want to draw an analogy with British coal industry. Both industries are nearing the end of their economic life cycles, both are desperately fighting against the inevitable, and both have

a history of militancy.

The recent controversy surrounding pit closures shows too clearly that the public largely sympathises with the miners who are affected by the changes. During the British debate the point was made that a pit closure could seal the fate not merely of the miners affected by the redundancies, and their families, but also some of a whole village or region, with all the knock-on effects for local shops and other suppliers. There was a widespread recognition that pit closures, if they are necessary, should be accompanied with measures designed to prevent a total collapse of the social and regional structures.

therwise, a damaging multiplier effect sets in. The multiplier is a measure of the accumulated economic knock-on effects, but is generally difficult if not impossible to predict. A vivid example of a knockon effect that has gone out of control is the economic reform process in eastern Germany, where naïvely ambitious privatisation zeal has led to the demise first of companies and then of industries.

Had it not been for the generous financial transfers from Bonn, the economy at large would have collapsed, including otherwise healthy enterprises and industries. Whether the issue is the transition of a whole economy or of a particular sector, such as British coal, German steel or French agriculture, the principle remains the same: the success behind transition is never rampant enthusiasm but careful management. So the first necessity for the successful implementation of any such measures is to give time to allow those affected and the government to prepare.

If there is a compromise in the end, the time of transition, generous compensation and employment training will almost certainly form part of any package. Given what is at stake, the odds must still favour a Gatt agreeveto. Ray MacSharry, the European agricultural commissioner clinched the EC-US trade deal, complained last week that European governments were surrendering to "determined sectional forces at the expense of the more general interests. His frustration is understandable,

but there can equally be no doubt that in the end the small lose out. The French government's shenanigans may in the end not amount to much.

THE TIMES

A family affair

SIR Patrick Sergeant, former

City Editor of the Daily Mail and founder of Euromoney, was last night attending the private viewing of an exhibition of paintings by his wife Gilly. Entitled From Three Continents, the 46 pictures are on display at the Leighton House Museum in Kensington and are Lady Sergeant's first public exhibition in 25 years. In recent times, most artistic prizes in the family have gone to Sergeant's acclaimed daughter. Emma, one of Britain's most suc-cessful young artists, said to command up to £10,000 for her portraits. Sergeant admits his daughter's reputation "does make it very difficult" for his wife to exhibit but says the two are close. "They encourage and criticise each other and universally agree my views are not worth having." Sergeant also reveals that he has now had two sittings for his own portrait, com-missioned from his daughter by the board of Euromoney. Sir Patrick stood down as chairman in October but remains a non-executive director. The portrait will hang in Euromoney's boardroom. "I think it's looking pretty good but then I'm hardly unbiased, am [?" he says.

Windsor warmer

IF THE Queen has any trou-ble sleeping at the thought of her impending tax bills, she could always play the paparaz-could always play the paparazat their own game and consider selling rights to pictures



of the Windsor blaze. With a certain lack of tact, Simon Engineering, maker of fire-fighting equipment, is already boasting that TV shots of its platforms used during the Windsor inferno have resulted in \$25 million of sales in America and Korea. Its announcement yesterday inspired some of the worst puns on City screens for some time "Windsor blaze warms firefighter". "Company says blaze has stoked up business. and others in equally bad taste. Company spokesman Mike Hurn, says Simon is not ruling out using photographs of the Windsor inferno in future sales brochures, either. We use pictures of fires in refineries, hotels, whatever is appropriate," he says. Look out for the picture postcards.

Garlic bread WE MAY have come out of the ERM but, gastronomically at least, we are getting closer to Europe according to JLI, the food group, which has just paid £1.2 million for a garlic

importer. According to JLI, garlic consumption in the UK has risen from 4,000 tonnes a year in 1989 to 7.000 tonnes thanks to all the Frenchified food and supermarket paella we now consume. Either that, or it's a concerted effort to ward off the evil Euro-eye.

Lucky Jim

JIM Furlong, the County NatWest salesman who has turned headhunter. sems to have a way with American ladies. Hot on the heels of placing New Yorker Dehine Mc-Neill at Salomon, he has just 'moved" high-flying Wall Street saleswoman Emil. Bogle on to the US equity sales desk at Prudential Bache Bogle, 35, was previously with Donaldson Lufkin in New York for three years and fol-lowed her husband Haroid to London this summer after First Boston posted him here to run its US capital markets desk. Furlong predicts more action on the American equities scene soon. "It's coming up to bonus time and people who have done well are looking out for opportunities to

NOT everyone was as amused as the City Diary at the idea of bankers at Goldman Sache ... based in Shoe Lane - giving their old shoes to the homeless for Christmas. Providence Row, the charity to London's homeless, says that it needs not only shoes, but socks to go with them, razors, shampoo, gloves, and scarves as well Anyone who can help. please ring 071 375 0020.

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British Coal's ingratitude to mineworkers

not mine)

From Mr Peter McNestry Sir. In response to the letter from Neil Clarke, chairman of British Coal (Business Letters, November 26), I wish to make the following comments. British Coal mineworkers, over the last eight years.

increased productivity by 150 per cent. Their reward for this achievement was that 30,000. were to be sacked, many with less than two days' notice. Neil Clarke in his letter now suggests that "legislation

changes" would facilitate improvements in output. This, as l understand it, means "deregulation" as contained in the Health and Safety Administration package, and also the removal of limits on the mineworkers' underground hours of work

On the latter point, Chairman Clarke and his management team are not noted for spending long hours under-

ground, but British Coal have been quick to remind everyone that some fatal accidents are due allegedly to miners not being in a "full state of alertness" (British Coal's term.

Is British Coal's callousness.

so ably demonstrated by their planned 30,000 sackings. now to be superceded by their push to deregulate? ours faithfully, P. McNESTRY. National Secretary. National Association of Colliery Overmen, Deputies and Shotfirers (Nacods) Simpson House,

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From the Rev Roy Allison

Sir, Insurance companies provide customers with the opportunity to safeguard possessions against (inter alia) "all risks". In most contexts "all" means "every". But for at least my insurance company all risks means only those risks other than those which are the subject of specific exclusions". An Alice in Wonderland world indeed, making words mean what the writer wishes them to mean - no

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When the bill to the bank reached £200, the bank cried halt and stopped sending me idiotic letters. I haven't had the £200 yet, but as both sides are trying to find legal reasons for repudiating the charges, a sort of peace has broken out. Currently, the bank owes me more than I owe it, especially since they have helped themselves to my money for their charges. I think lawyers call that theft

Yours faithfully, ROBERT GREGORY, 2 Lancaster Drive.

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does not mean what it says, wonder how widespread this

practice is.

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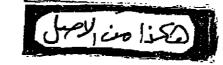
The present rate for unauthorised overdrafts and debit balances which exceed an agreed overdraft limit is 2.5% per month (APR 34.4%). This will be reduced to 2.21% per month (APR 29.9%) for all

Maxim customers. Interest will be charged at the new rates on any relevant debit balances which remain outstanding on

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Bond Corp says key repayment will be met

FROM REUTER

BOND Corp Holdings, the former flagship of Alan Bond, moved to reassure same back. ers that it can raise sufficient funds to meet a crucial repayment to creditors due by the end of the year.

The company, which has changed its name to Southern Equities Corp. is still about A\$12 million (£5.5 million) short of the A\$37.5 million needed for a first instalment to preferential shareholders on December 31. Failure to make the payment would result in liquidation for the company, which has been under a scheme of arrangement with its creditors since August last

Ian Ferrier, joint administrator, told the annual meeting that the company's fate depends on its ability to realise quickly two assets worth a combined A\$17 million. "We expect to be in a position whereby we can make the payment on December 31."

The company's most important asset remains its A\$500 million damages claim against the Western Australian government over a failed petrochemical project. Mr Ferrier has said the company's long-term success depends on its success in prosecuting the claim, expected to go to trial next year.

Most of the company's A\$435.1 million loss for the year to June 30 related to noncash items of accrued interest, asset writedowns and

Bond Corp shares have been suspended since December 1989. Alan Bond resigned as chairman in September 1990. At its peak, Bond Corp was worth about A\$10 billion.

STOCK MARKET

Big buyers bring new high

INCREASING hopes of a revival in beleaguered world economies buoyed traders' spirits, helping equities to power to new highs as some institutional investors decided to boost their portfolios.

The first day of the new.

trading account saw shares pulled higher, as an absence of sellers combined with stock shortages and a healthy premium on the December FTSE

"It's a repeat of Friday when futures pushed us to a record. The (cash market) gains are being helped by a stock shortage — no one wants to said one senior trader.

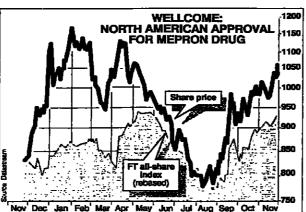
Dealers were also encouraged by hopes of a revival in consumer demand as November's money supply figures showed a 0.8 per cent seasonally adjusted rise on the month, giving a 3.0 per cent increase in the year.

A positive start on Wall Street bolstered sentiment in London The FT-SE 100 share index closed at another new high, up 18.7 at 2,778.8, after touching a new record intra-day trading high of 2.784.1. ahead 24 points. Volume reached 635 million

Some in the market are now more optimistic about 1993 and are assuming that the UK will pick up in the same way as the US economy appears to be

doing. Bob Semple, head of research at County NatWest, believes that the market could rise further, although he is still wary. "In the last few days, the market has picked up a fair old head of steam, but I would be surprised if the run continues at this rate. The market has got ahead of itself." he

Some chartists say the FTSE 100 index could trade between 2,880 and 2,900 within



weeks, despite short-term tech-nical indicators which show it hovering near over-bought

The advances came despite a number of FTSE shares trading ex-dividend, including Kwik Save, down 13p at 731p, Tate & Lyle, 2p lower at 388p and BOC, up lp at

Rosehaugh, the troubled property group that has concentrated on office developments in central London, cast

bank to Rosehaugh, recovered an early 3p loss to close 1p firmer at 374p, while USMfrom a pre-weekend level of 174p to 11p.

Elsewhere in the property sector, Speyhawk lost 2p to 112p, Brixton Estates 2p to 14lp, Greycoat 12p to 11p, Land Securities 10p to 415p, Regalian '2p to 10'2p and Slough Estates 4p to 136p. Meanwhile, Wellcome advanced 28p to £10.63, boosted

Burmah Castrol firmed 8p to 657p as Williams de Broë raised its net profit forecast for next year by £7 million to £100 million and reiterated its buy stance. The upgrade is based on the belief that the stock stands at a 15 per cent discount to the market, while sterling's weakness has also been beneficial.

a shadow over the market after it called in the receivers, reminding the City that the economy is not out of the woods yet. Earlier in the day, Rosehaugh shares were suspended at 74 p pending clari-fication of the company's financial position. The news did not come as a complete surprise, but it again highlighted the problems property companies are facing.

Bardays, the most exposed

by the strong dollar and news that it had won approval to market Mepron, a drug to treat a common type of Aidsrelated pneumonia, in the US and Canada. Andrew Porter at Nikko, the

Japanese securities house, said: "This points out to investors the value of Wellcome's R&D pipeline. This could become a significant product." The group, whose shares have enjoyed a

BRITISH FUNDS

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

Call options were taken out on 30/11/92: ASDA, Babcock, Haemocell, HTV, Medeva Proudfoot Alexander, Ramers.

share sale by Wellcome Trust, met Japanese investors during last week and made a presen-

tation last Thursday.
Elsewhere, ICI gained 13p to 994p, helped by the wave of growing optimism for economic recovery in the United

Asda Group firmed 2½p to 58p, as volume swelled to 85 million shares, partly on hopes that the retailer will rejoin the FTSE 100 in the next review. while many analysts are now saying that Asda's sales are doing better than previously expected.
Two companies tied to the

fortunes of the Hong Kong stock market, HSBC Holdings and Cable and & Wireless, both suffered in early trading after the Hong Kong market fell sharply as the political tensions with China continued to plague the colo-ny. Midland Bank parent HSBC lost 5p to 518p, after 510p, while Cable and Wire-

less eased 5p to 665p.

Meanwhile, Reuters attracted support, climbing 5p to £13.36 on speculation of a share split soon and US recov-

ery hopes. Tomkins, whose recent 200p-a-share rights issue closed yesterday, eased ¹2p at 228 ¹2p, on volume of 5.3 million shares. RHM were unchanged at 260p. Oil stocks were in favour

following Opec's agreement on production cuts. Enterprise rose 72p to 4622p. Lasmo 8p to 170p. BP 2p to 233½p and Shell 6p to 554p. Leeds Group, due to report final results today, advanced 23p to 512p on news that it is joining the FT-Actuaries Index, while Telemetrix rose

62p to 762p for the same

PHILIP PANGALOS

Blue chips rebound after sell-off

New York - Blue chips were higher at midday, with the Dow Jones industrial average rising to 3,295.98, up 13.78. It rebounded after a heavy wave of profit-taking and a bout of sell programs reduced most gains not long after the

opening. Advancing issues outpaced declines by nine to seven after nearly 114 million shares exchanged hands.

Gregory Nie, analyst at Kemper Securities, said the market was likely to trade cautiously around this area as it awaited more concrete news about the US economic recov-

ery.

☐ Tokyo — The Nikkei average finished 213.04 points up, or 1.22 per cent. to 17.683.65, with an estimated 230 million shares traded. The broader first section Topix index rose 15.81 points to 1.323.35.

The Nikkei is now up 1,690 points in eight trading days and at its highest close since September 29.

☐ Hong Kong — Rumblings of displeasure from Peking over the awarding of the contract to build the Hong Kong port container terminal without consulting the mainland sent share prices diving nearly 3 per cent. The Hang Seng index finished 176.04 points lower at 5.810.63.

Analysts said the threat not to honour the deal after the handover in 1997 showed that China wanted power of veto over all contracts. ☐ Frankfurt — The Dax in-

dex surprised traders with a 1.4 per cent rise, finishing 21.39 points higher at 1,544.34.

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Trading was thin, but many investors rolled their Decemper futures positions into the March series. The gilt future ended 18 ticks lower at £9822/32, with December volume at 22,000 contracts. while March reached 15,000. In shorts, Exchequer 94 per cent 1998 lost 23 ticks to £1089/32, while in longs, Treasury 9 per cent 2012 fell 18

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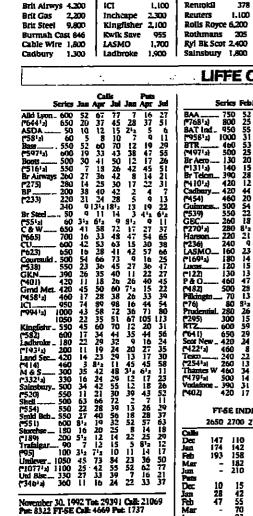
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Scotland dividen wins job M tradin? boost

DECT VINE

A TOTAL of 670 jobs were vesterday promised for Scot-land in the electronics and lood sectors. Four hundred are to be created over five years by Jabil Circuits, an American electronics firm, at Livingston,

near Edinburgh. The Florida company is spending £13 million to set up a printed circuit board factory - its first European operation. Scotland emerged as the final choice from an international shortlist, including Ireland and The Netherlands.

Aulds, a Scottish food firm, is creating 270 jobs, also over five years, by building a fac-tory making frozen and chilled sweets and desserts for the catering industry at Inchinnan, near Glasgow.

In addition, a £200 million housing and business park, which will provide 7,500 new jobs, is planned for a 200-acre site adjoining the M1-A1 link road near Austhorpe in east Leeds. If approved, it will be the largest in Britain. The East Leeds Development Company wants to build 1,000 homes and a small neighbourhood

Paper merger

A merger between three Dutch companies, designed to create Europe's second-largest packaging and paper business in time for the single European market, has been agreed. Newco will have annual sales of 13 billion guilders (£4.68 billion) and stand second only to Stora of Finland in the

European paper league.
The business is being created by the merger of KNP, Bührmann-Tetterode and VRG Groep. Newco will have 29,700 employees worldwide. Its activities will range from paper manufacture and packaging to distribution of graphic supplies and computer

Merrydown falls

Merrydown Wine, the cider maker, fell from £943,000 to £760,000 pre-tax in the six months to end-September after a mixed performance from the premium Merrydown Vintage Cider brand. The interim dividend rises an effective 12.5 per cent to 1p, although Richand Purdey, chairman, says it is too early to take a view on the year as a whole.

GPA deal

Airbus Industrie has largely wrapped up talks with GPA. the irish aircraft leasing company, and agreed to resched-ule some deliveries, an industry source said. "Airbus has more or less terminated its discussions with GPA. It will reschedule a number of aircraft and feels totally confident in GPA's ability to pull out of what is a temporary difficul-ty." As part of an effort to restructure \$2.7 billion debt. GPA has asked its bankers for a two-year deferral of \$900 million in principal

Heseltine aims to levy fines for abuse of market power

BY ROSS TIEMAN INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH courts could be given powers to impose fines equal to 10 per cent of sales on companies that abuse dominant market positions. The proposal is among several options unveiled yesterday by Michael Heseltine, the trade secretary, in a green paper designed to improve the effec-tiveness of UK competition

legislation.
The green paper addresses issues that were raised in a 1989 white paper by Lord Young, but which fell foul of other pressures on parliamentary time. The paper is also a belated response to complaints by Sir Gordon Borne, the former head of the Office of Fair Trading, that the OFT's investigative powers, and fines for companies abusing market power, are inadequate.

It offers ways to tackle companies that use predatory pricing and other measures to thwart would-be competitors. as well as those that exploit market dominance to widen

profit margins.
Mr Heseltine said ministers were keen to improve the effectiveness of competition,

Amstrad

seeks early

hearing

By COLIN CAMPBELL

AMSTRAD, the computer

group that Alan Sugar, its founder, is trying to take

private, will apply to the High

Court this morning to expe-

dite legal proceedings institut-

Edward Northcote, a pri-

vate shareholder who owns

1,000 shares, said on Novem-

ber 24 that he had asked the

High Court to order that an

Amstrad meeting scheduled for December 10 be post-

poned until further informa-

tion about Mr Sugar's

controversial buyout plan had

been circulated. Mr

Northcote's motion will be

Amstrad said that hearing

10 general meeting at which

Mr Sugar's 300 cash offer will

be considered, and will ask the

Court that Mr Northcote's

application be heard "as soon

An Amstrad spokesmen

said last night that the close-

ness of the two meetings could

be confusing for some share-

holders, and that could mean

a delay in sending of proxies.

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and that changing the magistrate's warrant. Option two would introduce a European-style system, making it an offence for companies to abuse market power. The OFT would be given powers to investigate, and establish a tribunal which could impose fines of up to £1 million_ Applications for larger penalties could be made by the OFT

to the High Court. Similar powers would be given to regulators of utilities. Companies that believed they were victims of market abuse would have the power to bring actions for damages, and to seek interim relief through iniunctions. Option three seeks to obtain

the benefits of the European system, while retaining the best features of the present arrangements. That would enable the director-general of fair trading to tackle situations in which two or more companies impeded competition, or kept prices artificially high.

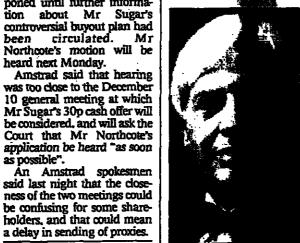
A idas share sale sters Pentland

By WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU

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by buying, in August, a 20.05 per cent stake in Adidas's main holding company. In October, however, Pentland decided to abandon the bid after carrying out a detailed study of the financial situation

Pentland said yesterday that it had sold the stake in Bernard Tapie Finance GmbH, which owns 95 per cent of Adidas, back to its majority owner, Bernard Tapie Finance SA. The latter is the investment vehicle of Bernard Tapie, the French financier and former government minister.

Pentland made a pre-tax profit on the share sale of £13 million, as well as a profit of £34 million because of the strong rise of the mark against nound. The combined profit of £47 million exceeds the initial investment outlay by

Yesterday's deal marks the end of Pentland's involvement with Adidas, the future of which remains uncertain. Stephen Rubin, the chairman of Pentland, said that the comparty was "delighted" with the profits, but "disappointed not to have been able to acquire



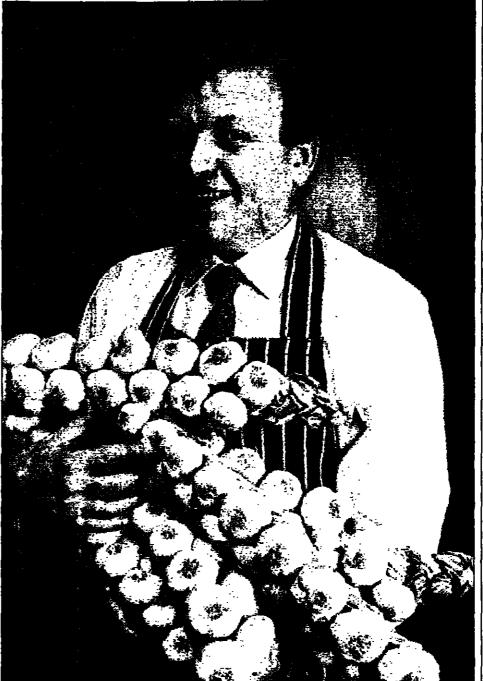
YOAV Gottesman has announced that JLI Group, where he is chief executive, is performing to expectations despite low consumer confidence and margin pressure.

The speciality food com-pany, which expanded by buying Brookerpaks, a distrib-utor of garlic and ginger, increased profits from £1.14 million to £1.84 million in the six months to the end of September.

Earnings slipped from 3.4p a share to 3.2p, reflecting the impact of two rights issues that helped fund acquisitions. The interim dividend rises from 1.5p a share to 1.55p. Turnover increased from £40.2 million to £50.9 million and operating profits from £1.76 million to £2.35 million.

Operating margins edged forward from 4.4 per cent to 4.6 per cent. Interest charges were reduced from £617,000 to £511,000.

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Well seasoned: Yoav Gottesman, JLI chief executive, announced a dividend rise

COMPANY BRIEFS Philip Harris Higs (I) Pre-tax: £806,000 EPS: 6.60p (5.11p) Div: 2.2p (2p)

Vistec Group (I) Pre-tax: £1.3m (£1m) EPS: 0.73p (0.56p) Div: 0.125p (0.1p)

Associated Nursing Svcs Pre-tax: £725,000 EPS: 6.6p (6.9p) Div: nil (nil)

Borthwicks (I) Pre-tax: £1.3m (£0.9m) EPS: 1.9p (1.2p) Div: 0.5p (0.5p) Regina Pre-tax: £1.2m loss EPS: 0.91p loss

Div. none (none) SW Wood Group (1) Pre-tax: £425,000 EPS: 2p (loss: 1.9p) Div: 0.5p (nil)

Crown Eyeglass (I) Pre-tax: £274,000 EPS: 11.6p (10.2p) Div: 2.5p (2p) Scott Pickford (I) Pre-tax: £103,167

EPS: 1p (1.8p) Div: nil (nil)

Profits up from £624,000. Interest charges rise from £287,000 to £330,000 after

Computer services company. Search for acquisitions continues. Net cash of £4.1 million at end-October

Interim results. Compares with previous restated profits of £379,000. Gearing unchanged at 90 per cent.

Results include exceptional credit of £442,000 due to tax refund by New Zealand revenue. Last year hit by reorganisation costs of £346,000. Last year's loss £505,000

(loss per share 0.29p). Downtum in major markets led to operating loss of £701,000. Focus on printing and packaging. Compares with loss of £154,000

last time. Search for acquisitions Compares with profit of £242,000. UK expansion continues.

Two new stores on the way in Sweden. Profits slip from £189,508. Computer services continue to perform well. Stronger second half expected.

Costain finance director quits in mid-fight

DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

THE finance director of Costain Group, the debtplagued construction to property concern, has left after seven years, halfway through a tough legal fight with Hanson over the sale of Costain's Australian businesses.

The resignation of Tom Slee as Costain's finance director was not unexpected in the City, given the deep financial trouble the group is in. It came with two board appointments, of Tom Parker, the president of Costain's American arm, and of Peter Hill, head of corporate development and chairman of the residential

property division.

While the Costain board thanked Mr Slee for his contribution over seven years of service, he was seen in the City as taking some of the blame for the group's decline. "The timing is a bit odd, in the middle of a deal," said one

analyst.

Alan Lovell is appointed chief financial officer pending a new board appointment. Insiders suggested Mr Slee had felt increasingly apart from the core management and had departed by mutual agreement. He is not thought to have a post to go to and is said to have left for "personal reasons". Compensation terms on his contract, which had almost three years to run, are being worked out.

Costain is suing Hanson in the High Court in London and is also locked in legal battle with the conglomerate in St Louis in America. The case arises from Costain's earlier provisional agreement to sell its Australian mining business to Hanson for a price that was subsequently topped by Altus, the French group. Peabody, Hanson's Ameri-

can subsidiary, is attempting to have the original contract enforced, while Costain wants to move the case out of American jurisdiction, at the same time seeking a declaration that it can proceed with the sale to Altus as well as seeking damages for breach of contract and breach of guarantee.

Costain can expect to have debts of £175 million by the financial year-end at December 31. Among its problems is a one-third stake in a consortium engaged in the redevelopment of the Spitalfields area east of the City of London. Heavy provisions from this project and on housing land are expected at the year-end and would mean another fullyear pre-tax loss, after losses of £69.2 million in 1991. The shares eased 1p to 27p.

Profits after exceptional items and before taxation up by 16 per cent to £95 million

- Earnings per share after exceptional items up by 6.7 per cent to 8.47p
- Dividend increased by 10.1 per cent to 3.72p per ordinary share
- Domestic tariff remains the lowest in the UK

Commenting on the results, Mr Murray Stuart. Chairman of ScottishPower, said:

44 We have continued to improve the efficiency of our business. This has contributed to increased profitability and low tariffs for our customers. 77

INTERIM RESULTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS TO 30 SEPTEMBER, 1992

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	Note	Sax Moraths Ended 30 September 1992 Em	So. !Acoths Ended	Year Ended 31 March 1992 &m
Turnover		634.8	5 99 .0	1,384.6
Operating profit before exceptional items		112.5	95.4	280.9
Exceptional items	2	(13.3)		
Operating profit		99.2	95.4	280.9
Net atterest charge		(4.2)	(13.5)	(21.0)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		95.0	81.9	259.9
Taxation	3	(26.0)	(17.2)	(54.6)
Profit for the period		69.0	64.7	205.3
Dovdends		(30.3)	(27.5)	(82.5)
Profit retained		38,7	37.2	122.8
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Before exceptional items		10.10p	7.94p	25.2p
After exceptional items		3.47p	7.94p	25.2p
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A copy of the Internal Report is available from the Shareholder Enquiry Office, Schristiffower, Catharat House, Spean Street, Glasgow G44 48E: Telephone O41-637 7177, Forsamle O41-636 4660

Shareholders on the register at 28 January 1993.

6. Electronly demand is seasonal and peoi demand occurs during the second half of the financial year.

Chairman's Statement

Profit before tax after exceptional items rose to £95 million in the six months to 30 September 1992, a rise of 16 per cent on the comparable period last year. Earnings per share after exceptional items have increased by 6.7 per cent to 8.47p from a level of 7.94p for the first six months of last year. The interim dividend payable for the period on 12 March 1993 to ordinary shareholders on the register on 28 January 1993 is 3.72p per share, an increase of 10.1 per cent.

Gearing at 30 September 1992 was very low, with net borrowing of £13.1 million. Dividend and taxation payments in the second half of the year of approximately £150 million will increase net debt by the year end. Since 30 September 1992 we have bid successfully to repay the £142 million 11.856 per cent bond which was due to be repaid to HM Treasury in 2005. Gearing at the year end is expected to be below last year's level.

We have continued to improve the efficiency of our business. This has contributed to increased profitability while maintaining low tariffs for our customers. We have the lowest Domestic tariff in the UK and we believe that our industrial and commercial contract prices are among the most competitive. As announced earlier this month all our tariff customers will receive the benefit of a rebate by January 1993, due to inflation in the 12 months ended October 1992 being at a lower rate than anticipated when our tariffs were set. In total this will amount to approximately £20 million.

In our generation business we continued to reduce fuel costs and we have begun to see the first benefits of burning North Sea sour gas at Peterhead. Revenue and profits from sales of electricity to England and

Following the reorganisation of the company last year into separately accountable businesses, our fundamental review of operations has continued and is already resulting in savings. We have increased provisions for restructuring and reorganisation by £23 million to help reach our objectives of further increasing efficiencies.

We continue to give a high priority to enhancing customer service. According to a recent report from the Office of Electricity Regulation we rank among the best in the UK on several significant measures of service performance. We are determined that the drive to achieve excellence in all our activities will continue. Our performance to date in the second half of the financial year continues to be very satisfactory...

Mr Murray Stuart, Chairman of Scottist-Power 30 November, 1992

Bank action forces Tessa to close

By LINDSAY COOK

A TAX-EXEMPT special savings account operated by Birmingham Capital Trust, a small private bank, is being closed after formal discussions with the Bank of England.

The Tessa offered an inter-est rate of 12 per cent tax-free fixed for five years when it was launched at the beginning of last year. But the bank lost £534,000 last year and is unable to go on paying inter-est on the Tessa at that rate. It has written to investors

saying the Tessa will be closed at the end of the year and suggests that the money is transferred to a Tessa with another bank or building society to preserve its tax benefits. Birmingham Capital Trust has made arrangements for transfers to be made to the Dudley Building Society, which has assets of £65 million and is currently paying 10 per cent on its Tessa.

In the circumstances the bank has waived its transfer fee of £25. A spokesman for Birmingham Capital Trust said that the bank had originally wanted to lend the Tessa money at a fixed rate but because of the rules of the scheme it had to keep it on call and could not do so.

The bank was formed in 1901. It will pay interest at 12 per cent until the transfer date. Tessas were designed by John Major in the 1990 Budget to encourage people to save and were launched at the beginning of last year when bank base rates were at 14 per cent. Several offered more than 15 per cent at launch but rates have fallen back since then.

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Scottish Power's electric strategy

porate strategy, unusual in the privatised electricity industry, had much to do with the sharp share price rise in recent months. For the first time, the shares have risen well above the 170p investors have paid so far. First comes cost-cutting. Al-

most 1,200 jobs — 12 per cent of the workforce — have gone since March last year, offering annualised cost savings of £10 million. There is more to come after the company tucked away a further £23 million in restructuring provisions yesterday. Medium-term, the strategy

relies on upgrading the interconnector with England and Wales, which will increase capacity by 40 per cent. Scottish Power is in a particularly favourable position, as it has first call on any surplus power generated by Scottish Hydro-Electric. The inter-connector therefore enables the company to export that sur-plus and to import as and when prices in the English electricity pool are favourable

The long-term strategy of diversification into gas and other income streams is exemplified by the telecoms project, still only nascent. Scottish Power would provide much of the network north of the border, to complement National Grid's operation in England and Wales.

At 223p, 2p higher yester-day and just 4p off their all-time peak, the shares change hands on eight times this year's profits and yield 5.1 per cent, based on the forecast of £290 million pre-tax, and 11.2p in dividends, made by Simon Williams at Kleinwort the outcome of the coal deal



Good health: Greene King chairman Simon Redman reported higher sales

continues, the shares may attract some support from investors switching from the rest of the sector, but further over-performance in the short

term is likely to be limited. Greene King

GREENE King, the Suffolk brewer, is not sitting on a barrel waiting for the recession to blow itself out. It believes that if people are not going to drink their way out of recession, perhaps eating will do the trick. Hence the attention being paid to catering. From a low base, food takings in managed houses grew by 22 per cent in the six months

to November 1. Interim pretax profits, before exceptional items, rose by 1 per cent to £9.5 million, on a turnover that was 3 per cent higher at £67.5 million; the dividend,

Beer volumes have been maintained at levels fairly close to those achieved last

still well covered, rises from

Greene King is showing a notional loss on its 29.3 per cent stake in Morland, a fellow brewer, which it bid for but failed to take over last July; it is sitting on the holding while considering its options. Lower interest rates will help to lighten the

group's carrying costs. The group remains keen to ex-pand its pub estate.

Pre-tax profits, clean of property items, should inch forward from £19.5 million to £20 million this financial year, and advance faster in 1994 to the £22.9 million area. A higher tax charge will, in time, check net earnings.

The shares, on 15.9 times prospective earnings at 468p. are fairly valued.

Kenwood

THE Kenwood story mirrors that of 1992 so far. But will the green shoots that Tim Parker, the kitchen appliance group's chief executive. apprears to have spotted, blossome into trees of recovery next year? He says of current trading that the signs do not look at all bad".

Sales of Kenwood goods to retailers in Britain are grow-ing healthily but it remains to be seen how successful the shops are at selling the stocks. Kenwood, it should be remembered, stole a window of opportunity to float off in June — restoring in the process, a balance sheet laden with management buyout debt. But trading fell off a cliff in July and when the market

got wind of that in Septem-

ber, the shares dived.

The shares have subsequently recovered from a low of 208p to 256p. up. Ip yesterday, against the flotation price of 285p. Kenwood reported a fall in pre-tax profits from £5.6 million to £5 million for the six months to September 30 (on a pro-forma hasis). The actual numbers went up from £3.1 million to 63.9 million. The City expects Kenwood to make an actual Kenwood to make an actual £8.6 million before tax for the year to March 3! and may a dividend of around op that would be an effective the of about 10 per cent on that 5 per Kenwood would have paid had it been a public of themany.

All this leaves the company on a prospective p/e of almost 15 times expected earnings of 17.24p a share, and a pro-spective annualised yield of 4.3 per cent.

had it been a public company

At these levels, and against the present economic back-drop, the shares are a cautious hold. The group, which has 65 per cent of its sales overseas, should benefit from

Asprey pegs dividend after difficult trading

ASPREY, the jeweller that owns Garrard & Co and Mappin & Webb, is holding the interim dividend at 1.1p a share, reflecting difficult trading conditions. In the half year to the end of September, pre-tax profits advanced from £10.93 million to £11.16 million and earnings from 6.87p a share to 6.07p.

There was a maiden contribution from the 25 retail outlets of Watches of Switzerland, acquired from Ratners in June In April the company also acquired Hamilton & Inches, of Edinburgh, for £1.3 million. Acquisitions helped increase turnover from £49.2 million to £60.2 million. Naim Attallah, chief executive, said trading conditions made it impossible to forecast the outcome for the full year.

Leigh slides to £4m

LEIGH Interests, the waste disposal company, has reported a LEIGH interests, the waste disposal company, has reported a sharp fall in first-half earnings. In the six months to end-September, pre-tax profits fell from £7.12 million to £4.1 million and earnings from 7.7p a share to 4.4p. But an unchanged interim dividend of 2.46p helped the shares rise 5p to 183p. Malcolm Wood, chairman, blamed the 43 per cent decline in profits on a slump in volumes of waste requiring treatment, particularly in the South. Turnover fell from E58.86 million to £52.3 million.

Verson back in black

VERSON International, the Midlands machinery maker, bounced from a pre-tax loss of £4.7 million to a profit of £1.1 million in the six months to end-July, on exceptional gains, mainly due to licensing royalties of £3.9 million. It is unlikely this value will be repeated in the second half. Profits before interest and tax were £3.3 million, on turnover of £39 million (£40 million). Earnings per share were 0.72p (3.42p loss). There is no interim dividend (nil), The accounts reflect an extraordinary loss of £1.5 million on the sale of Taylor-Winfield.

Hoskins Brewery rises

HOSKINS Brewery, quoted on the USM, which last month rebuffed moves by rebel shareholders to remove some board members, made £50,000 (£48,000) pre-tax profit in the six months to end-September, on turnover of £812,000 (£950,000). Fully diluted earnings per share were 0.82p (0.78p). The company has never paid a dividend. Margins have improved, despite a continuing drop in beer consumption. Hoskins has sold nine public houses to Wolverhampton & Dudley Breweries for £2.45 million, eliminating borrowings.

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Creator and creation: Bradman and the City's landmark Broadgate complex





Altering the skyline: Godfrey Bradman, former chairman of Rosehaugh, the joint developer of the City's largest scheme, built around Liverpool Street Station and housing some of the City's most prestigious firms

Rosehaugh forced to call in receivers

By NEIL BENNETT BANKING CORRESPONDENT

ROSEHAUGH, the property developer that changed the City's skyline during the eighties, has been forced to call in receivers after its attempts to organise a

refinancing failed.

KPMG Peat Marwick, the confirmed as receiver this morning. The company, which has debts of £350 The company, million, asked Bardays yesterday afternoon to appoint receivers. The shares were suspended at 74 p earlier in the day. Rosehaugh is best known for its 50 per cent stake in Rosehaugh Stanhope Developments, the property company that built the renowned Broadgate and Ludgate devel-

Rosehaugh, high-profile darling of the eighties property market and joint developer of the landmark Broadgate scheme, has called in receivers after refinancing failed

glamorous property company shares reached a high of accountant, is expected to be £11.75 before the stock market crash in 1987. But the company began to suffer financial strains as the property market stagnated. In February, Godfrey Bradman, the company's chairman, quit the board. Mr Bradman was the creative force behind Broadgate, the development around Liverpool Street Station that dominates the eastern half of the City and houses some of its

most prestigious firms.

its other assets to cut debts, as its losses soared to £165 million in 1990 and £227 million the year after. The group's remaining properties are thought to be worth about

that the banks are unlikely to recover more than 30p in the pound and shareholders will The company rescheduled its debts with its 26 banks in

March and the agreement was expected to last until January 1994. But the continuing slump in property values is thought to have left Rosehaugh with negative net assets by year-end in June.

Leonard Kingshott and Barclays struggled to organise a further refinancing but admitted defeat at the end of

Stanhope Properties, Rose haugh's partner in RSD, sought to calm City fears about its finances by saying that it was in the advanced stages of restructuring its own £160 next year. The statement added that RSD has restructured and extended its debts of £1.25 billion until September 1997. RSD is close to selling one of UBS Phillins & Drew it

chief executive, said Rosehaugh's collapse was a shock, but RSD and Stanhope were still safe. "The joint venture has been refinanced for five years and that is good for everyone. In Stanhope we have good properties and that

would be interested.

The collapse of Rosehaugh is another body blow to the high street banks. Bardays lent at least £75 million to Rosehaugh, although it is thought to have made some provisions. National Westminster is another senior lender, although more than half the debts are owed to Japanese banks. Barclays said it had done everything it could to prevent collapse.

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opments in the City. In the past two years, In the mid-eighties, Rosehaugh has sold many of

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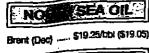
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Telecoms threat by power trio By Martin Waller, deputy city editor

SCOTTISH Power, the larger of the two privatised power companies north of the border, is in talks with National Grid, the electricity carrier in

creating a countrywide rival to BT and Mercury in the telecommunications market. Scottish Hydro-Electric, the second of the Scottish companies, is also thought to be involved. That would extend the network to the northern part of the country. Both

England and Wales, about

Scottish Power will, in the

companies are known to have applied for licences to operate a telecoms business. course of the next year, be installing fibre-optic links within its existing communications network between Glasgow and Edinburgh, and south to the border with

these will be a key element in

the venture, which would be

such as banks and other

financial institutions. "it's still at the blueprint stage, but it has gone further than just being a twinkle in the eve," said Ian Preston, the chief executive. "Scottish Power has seen telecommunications as a potential utilitybased business to parallel the one we have in electricity. But there's nothing formal on the table at the moment. It's still

toe-in-the-water stuff." Scottish Power was reporting pre-tax profits for the six months to September 30 of £95 million, up from £81.9 million last time, despite £13.3 million of exceptional charges. These comprise £23 million of future restructuring costs, offset by a credit from a technical reassessment of the cost of energy lost in transmission. The halfway dividend is ahead England. It is planned that

from 3.38p to 3.72p.

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£100 million, which means

million debt, and hoped to finish talks with its banks early the Broadgate buildings to tenant, for £200 million. Stuart Lipton, Stanhope's

it the vital ingredient."

Stanhope stands a greater chance of survival than its partner since its debts are lower and it owns a series of income-generating properties. Despite this, the shares plunged 6.5p to 11p on the Rosehaugh news. Stanhope is also a possible buyer of Rosehaugh's stake in RSD but Mr Lipton said it was too early to say whether the company

In re-ponse to the collapse of Rosehaugh and fears about the joint venture, Lord Sharpe of Grimsdyke, Stanhope's chairman, has been appointed the chairman of RSD.

Preston: "toe in water" targeted at large-scale users Open syndicates 'could cost £5.3bn'

By Sarah Bagnall

THE eventual total cost of settling existing and future claims against names on open Lloyd's syndicates could exceed £5.3 billion, according to a new review of the insurance market by the leading

Chatset, publisher of the Lloyd's League Tables, predicts it will cost E5.3 billion to settle outstanding and anticipated claims against the names on the 102 syndicates with open years. Between them, they have a total of 162 years in run-off -- years of account that cannot be closed because their total losses cannot be quantified.

But if the estimated £5.3 billion calculated on the basis of settlement in ten years' time and including legal expenses and bad debt reinsurance was paid immediately, the burden on names would drop significantly to the far lower sum of £2 billion, representing a 20 per cent charge on every name's current

stamp capacity. Lloyd's has made provisions of about £2 billion to cover known and future liabilities. Chatset has taken a worse-case scenario for its forecasts. The bulk of the £5.3 billion figure is a result of continuing US liability with only £400 million being attributed by Chatset to claims on the excess-of-loss (LMX) reinsurance spiral. Charles Sturge, cofounder of Chatset, said big future claims are expected for syndicates involved in stop-loss reinsurance and estate protec-

More than 1.000 names packed the Great Room at the Grosvenor House hotel, central London, yesterday, for a stormy annual meeting of the Gooda Walker Action Group. Alfred Doll-Steinberg, the action group's chairman, succumbed to fierce criticism over plans to pay the 12-member committee a success fee of 1.5 per cent of monies recovered through litigation, less an amount for costs, and dropped the resolution. Mr Doll-Steinberg said: "We

decided to withdraw the motion. It's clear the idea of a remuneration package was accepted, but the level of feeling was such that it was deemed inappropriate to put it to the vote." The question of remuneration will be put to the vote again at a special meeting in the latter half of January.

But the names passed a resolution requesting a further levy of about 1 per cent of total losses to raise £2.8 million for a fighting fund. Steps to recover £273 million through the courts are expected to commence next year. This figure is likely to rise as future losses become known. The committee said a 25 per cent settlement would be considered a very poor result while 75 per cent would be a

Gooda Walker was one of the largest players in the LMX market, which was savaged in the late 80s by a series of disasters including Piper Alpha and Hurricane Hugo. Losses on four LMX syndicates exceed £700 million.

Money supply data hint at pick-up in retail sales

By Janet Bush, economics correspondent

THE Bank of England provided some cautious evidence yesterday that the consumer may at last be starting to stir. The Bank's provisional figures for narrow M0 money supply, which measures notes and coins in circulation and

tends to be a good guide to consumer demand, showed a seasonally adjusted rise of 0.8 per cent last month. There was a significant increase of almost 3 per cent compared with a year ago, the fastest growth rate in any month this year. More dramatic still was a 7.7 per cent annualised rise over the past three months, although this series of statistics is

not known for its accuracy. The money supply figures were hailed by some City economists as a definite sighting of a green shoot of

renewed economic activity. Peter Fellner, UK economist at NatWest Capital Markets, said: "There's no getting away from the fact that there has been a pick-up out there." He said the money supply figures tended to support government limited but clear pick-up in retail sales.

However, other economists expressed caution over whether the figures could be interpreted as a clear sign of recovery. Retail sales account for only about 40 per cent of consumer spending and. while they were rising in the third quarter of this year, non-oil GDP was still sliding. Roger Bootle of Midland

these figures signalled a real improvement in economic activity, noting that they flew in the face of other, much more gloomy, anecdotal evidence. Retailers, for example, are expressing deep disappointment at November sales. Figures from the Retail Consortium suggest the volume of

sales in the first three weeks of

November fell as much as 3

Montagu was sceptical that

per cent on last year. James May, director-general, said that after a clear pick-up from August onwards, the November figures were "pretty bleak". He hoped the latest strong money supply figures would show up in the tills but they had not so far. Money market interest rates edged higher, partly in reac-

tion to the money supply figures, with one-year rates trading at near 7 per cent from 64 per cent. This suggests the markets believe the government will be more cautious about initiating further cuts in interest rates in the short term □ Jürgen Möllemann, German economics minister, said in a television interview that Germany could expect no growth in the first six months of next year and even a slight decline. He mentioned the word recession several times, the first time he has been so frank about the extent of the

